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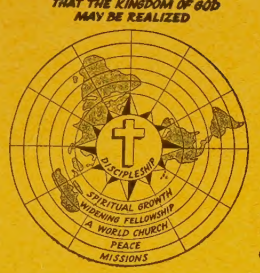


# 1955-1956 Calendar of Special Activities

## for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This calendar is a suggested guide for the special activities of the year. Adapt it to meet the needs of your Society.

The Program Book and Worship Booklet, *To the End of the Earth*, plus articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informative, inspirational programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END, WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

### June

**Treasurer:** Begin plan for collection of pledges.
**Promotion:** Plan with executive committee for observance of Fifteenth Anniversary.
**Missionary Education:** Plan to attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service.
**Student Work:** Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). Urge the church to observe and take an offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.
**Youth Work:** Encourage members of the MYF, especially those who have not done so, to make MYFund pledges.
**Children's Work:** Cooperate in vacation church school.
**Spiritual Life:** Study new Spiritual Life literature.
**Literature and Publications:** Be sure you have ordered all necessary materials for the year. Check with officers and secretaries.
**Supply Work:** Present ASKINGS for consideration and acceptance.

### July

**Vice-President:** Call meeting of the Committee on Program and circle chairmen to begin program plans.
**Children's Work:** Take advantage of summer training opportunities.
**Status of Women:** Serve on the Committee on Program.

### August

**Vice-President:** Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.
**Treasurer:** Send first quarter's receipts to district or conference treasurer by August 5.
**Promotion:** *In executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by August 31.
**Missionary Education:** Make plans for representatives to accompany you to the district Educational Seminar.
**Student Work:** Send student introduction cards to campus director of religious life, director of Wesley Foundation, or pastor of the campus church *by August 1.*
**Supply Work:** Ask circle members to bring requested articles for Home Missions institutions assigned to your Society. A summer Christmas party is recommended with a cash offering for Supply Work for Foreign Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

### December

**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.
**Student Work:** Cooperate in observing Student Recognition Day. Welcome students home with fellowship tea. During holidays entertain students from overseas.
**Children's Work:** Assist in planning for the missionary units in January for the Sunday school and additional sessions.
**Spiritual Life:** Cooperate in observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 11.
**Membership:** Plan to welcome new members in January.

### January

**Vice-President:** Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.
**Promotion:** Observe Epiphany, January 6, with a recognition service for new members.
**Missionary Education:** Begin the study, "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace."
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Use Church and Economic Life Week, January 16-22, as a time to check on the effectiveness of your follow-up of the study, "That They May Have Life."
**Wesleyan Service Guild:** Guild month. The Committee on Membership makes plans for recruiting new members. Publicize your unit and its activities by means of radio and newspaper.
**Children's Work:** Assist in study of missionary units in church school. Make report to Woman's Society.
**Literature and Publications:** Order *Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division.*

### February

**General:** Elect a Committee on Nominations.
**Vice-President:** Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.
**Treasurer:** Send third quarter's receipts by February 5.
**Promotion:** *In executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by February 29.
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Cooperate in observing Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Week.
**Spiritual Life:** Urge attendance at the World Day of Prayer.

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## COVER

**A symbolic presentation of the purpose of the Woman's Society by Robert C. Houston, artist.**

## IN MEMORIAM

***Miss Virginia Elizabeth Alexander* was born in Stanhope, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on May 7, 1870, and died January 8, 1955, at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.**

**A lifelong member of The Methodist Church, Miss Alexander was first appointed to missionary work in Sapporo, Japan, in 1902. She served in evangelistic work there and then went to Hirosaki, where she taught in the girls' school which later became Hirosaki Jo Gakuin.**

**After a furlough, Miss Alexander was appointed again to evangelistic work in Hokkaido with residence in Sapporo. In 1936 she returned to Canada where she spent the remainder of her life in semiretirement.**

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
*President, Woman's Division of Christian Service*

# A Letter to the President

*Dear President:*

As we start a new year of service, it is a pleasure to extend my greetings to you and your Woman's Society members and to anticipate with you some of the matters that go with our common task as presidents. For some of you, this means continuing in a familiar field; for others, it is a new threshold that you are crossing. To you all, I trust it may be an experience of continuing joy in the important task committed to our hands.

The specific duties of a president are clearly defined in *A Guide;* the month-by-month calendars in this issue for the various lines of work and the over-all Calendar of Special Activities on the inside cover will be an aid to you as you plan your agenda for each month's meeting. Some secretaries will need more time in certain months than others; and they will appreciate, I am sure, your planning with them.

If we could pool our experiences, we would doubtless find that certain "intangibles" go with this office. Never feel discouraged or overwhelmed at its scope; it will always offer a wider outreach than you can wholly grasp, but this very fact can be stimulating. It will mean setting aside some other important activities in your schedule; but for the term of your tenure, you may find it worth while to make this your first obligation.

One of your most helpful services can be in guiding, without dominating, your group; another, in helping them to reach common agreement without compromise of principle. Your genuinely friendly spirit can create a sense of true fellowship. Your sincere conviction that what should be, can be done and can bring joy in the doing, will foster enthusiasm and further success.

You will want to keep before your women the aims for the Crusade for World Order led by the Council of Bishops of our Methodist Church. The service for A Day Apart in THE METHODIST WOMAN, February 1955 issue, directed our thought along this line; and even though February was the month for special observance, the emphases on Peace and Disarmament and the United Nations are continuing.

We are entering the closing year of the quadrennium, and the theme, goals, and symbol which have become familiar and meaningful still have fresh values for us. Your secretary of Promotion will appreciate your help in approaching them from a new angle. "That the Kingdom of God may be realized" is an on-going ideal.

This year again we shall emphasize the importance of the individual woman—her personality, her resources. Each of us can carry on a personal "Treasure Hunt" in the sense of looking constantly for the potentialities of the women in our church and community, and of offering opportunity for their realization, in addition to the group effort put forward by the Society. We believe that every woman needs this channel of expression. "Our deepest wants, our highest aims, find their fulfillment, Lord, in Thee": the words of our Assembly theme hymn, a year ago, are words of insight.

My best personal wishes are with you for this year ahead, with its problems and its possibilities. The two are inseparable; but God's Presence and Power are inseparable also. May your daily experience prove this increasingly to be true!

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Jean Brooks

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS
*President, Woman's Division of Christian Service*

Mount Vernon, Iowa.

# Vice-President

Larry Robinson

**Mrs. Paul Arrington**
***Vice-President, Woman's Division of Christian Service***

## Dear Vice-President:

Immediately upon your election, you and the members of the Committee n Program should familiarize yourselves with the basic program materials. all a meeting of the committee sometime in May to work on the outline for ne yearbook. If the preceding committee planned the first quarter's programs, it would be helpful to have the outgoing vice-president meet with you.

*The Handbook for the Vice-President* is essential for your use. You will lso need *A Guide;* the *Fifteenth Annual Report;* THE METHODIST WOMAN nd WORLD OUTLOOK. Pages 32-33 of the *Handbook* give a report properly nade out for your guidance. Mail your reports to the district vice-president eptember 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1.

May you find joy in successful achievement.

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### JUNE

Present plans for the yearbook to the executive ommittee of the Woman's Society.

Present the program: Lasting Peace and Security or All.

Meet with circle chairmen to plan circle programs.

Continue or complete study: "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women."

### JULY

Present the program: In Street and Shop and Tenement.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

### AUGUST

Program: A Vision of the Better Life.

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate the quarter's programs.**
2. **Plan for the study: "Indian Americans."**
3. **Using the Program Book, *To the End of the Earth*, plan programs for the next quarter.**
4. **Plan for United Nations Day and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.**

### SEPTEMBER

Present the program theme and the first program: The Spread of the Kingdom in Perilous Times.

Begin the study: "Indian Americans."

### OCTOBER

Continue the study.

Observe United Nations Day.

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Present the program: Indian Americans—"They re My People, Saith the Lord."

### NOVEMBER

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate the programs given this quarter.**
2. **Plan for the study: "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace."**
3. **Plan for the Thank Offering service.**
4. **Plan observance of Human Rights Day.**

Present the program: Women and the Church—Through the Centuries.

### DECEMBER

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Hold Thank Offering service.

Present the program: We Would See Jesus—Today.

### JANUARY

Begin the study: "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace."

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present the program: A Changeless Gospel in a Revolutionary World.

### FEBRUARY

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate the programs given.**
2. **Plan in detail for next quarter:**
   - **(a) Lent Day Apart and May Fellowship.**
   - **(b) Monthly programs.**
   - **(c) Plan for the study: "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."**

Present the program: The World's Laborer, "Worthy of His Hire."

Cooperate in the church-wide study of India.

### MARCH

Begin: "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."

Present the program: Ventures in Discipleship.

### APRIL

Observe a Day Apart.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Plan for the study: "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

Present program: Christian Discipleship Today.

### MAY

Begin the study: "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

Present the program: Why We Give.

Quarterly meeting of Committee on Program:

1. **Plan installation service.**
2. **Evaluate the programs and studies for the year.**
3. **Turn materials and evaluation notes over to the newly elected Committee on Program.**

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins
*Recording Secretary, Woman's Division of Christian Service*

# Recording Secretary

## Dear Recording Secretary:

Once again, I bring you greetings with the sincere hope that you have had a most successful year and that your work as recording secretary has been pleasant and profitable. Thank you for the many letters which I have received from you. As a result of some of these letters, we have prepared a set of quarterly emphases which we hope will help all of us.

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Lucile B. Wilkins

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## QUARTERLY EMPHASES

### First Quarter—June, July, August

*Know your job.* Use *A Guide,* the *Fifteenth Annual Report* and THE METHODIST WOMAN as resources. Ask for and have several conferences with your president, so that you will know what specific plans she has that will affect your job, or what she wants you to do especially.

*Know the officers, the committee chairmen, and the members of your Woman's Society.* It is a distinct advantage to know the members and officers.

### Second Quarter—September, October, November

*Concentrate on your minutes*—their form, clarity, and accuracy. Is it clear when and where the minutes were taken, exactly what was accomplished and what committees reported, were appointed, continued, or dismissed? If possible type your minutes but if you cannot, then be certain to write them legibly and *in ink.* Remember these are permanent records.

### Third Quarter—December, January, February

*Check the filed material.* Use this quarter to see that the records for which you are responsible are in good condition and safely stored. Remember you are the custodian of past as well as present records of your Society. Check through, see what you have and catalog this material for future use.

### Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

*Take inventory of yourself* as a recording secretary. Have you done your best? Wherein have you failed? What could you have done that would have made you a more efficient and dependable officer? Have you justified the confidence which the women placed in you when they elected you to office? Answer these and similar questions frankly.

## Fifteenth Anniversary

**The Woman's Society of Christian Service came into being in September, 1940. The observance of an anniversary is one of the times when the recording secretary and her work are most important. No doubt the early records of your local Society were put away carefully for safekeeping, and in all probability are filed with your materials since the recording secretary is the custodian of all official papers and records.**

**In connection with the Fifteenth Anniversary it would be interesting to have materials exhibited such as the list of charter members, the first minutes of the Society, an early program or two of the local, district, and conference meetings, and any newspaper publicity that appeared. If one has time, it would be of interest not only to look into the records of the Society, but also to relate these years of growth to the ongoing program of the local church. Also, if old copies of the newspapers are readily available, it might be worth while to see the relation of the Society through the years to the development of events in the community.**

**Another angle might be suggested to the membership chairman. How many of the present members of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service were the children and youth in the additional sessions and World Friendship Group of Girls of the Methodist Youth Fellowship?**

**This research can be a very interesting and fruitful experience.**

# Treasurer

**Henrietta Gibson**
*Treasurer,*
*Woman's Division*
*of Christian Service*

*Dear Treasurer:*

The dates listed below are all important ones in the life of a treasurer, her Woman's Society, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We all are part of one whole and the way you fulfill your responsibilities has a great effect on the total program. If you carry through each task set down here, you will help the members of your own local Society, you will help your district and conference Societies, and you will help the Woman's Division to meet its overwhelming opportunities to bring Christ's love to people in need all over the world. In order to do your work as treasurer effectively, in addition to what seems at first glance a routine job, you will find that you yourself must be a key person in helping your members to know the importance of increasing their pledges and the pledge of the local Society, to understand the total program which depends on their giving, and to see that that program is not only vital to those in need at home and abroad, but equally vital to their own development as Christians and as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

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## QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**First Quarter—June, July, August**

Have your annual report for the year just closed passed by the auditing committee of the church.

Set up your books for the new year.

Start your plan for the collection of the pledge payments of your members.

Plan with the treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild as to dates when the Guild funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division should be transferred to your account for forwarding to the district or conference treasurer.

Send first quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the date fixed by your conference (probably August 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Send for the *Handbook for the Treasurer.*

**Second Quarter—September, October, November**

With the secretary of Promotion, plan for continuing use of the Treasure Chest and the Widening Fellowship Plan.

Cooperate in the program of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, especially in the plans that relate to the offering.

Send second quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably November 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

**Third Quarter—December, January, February**

See that pledges are paid up to date.

Plan for Christmas Offering if your Society has one.

Ask for an opportunity to present special memberships and Annuity Gifts to the members. Send for Annuity folder.

Plan for Lenten Offering if your Society has one.

Send third quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer (probably by February 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

**Fourth Quarter—March, April, May**

Urge all members to complete pledge payments for the year.

Send fourth quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably May 10). Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, empty your treasury, insofar as possible, and send all available funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division.

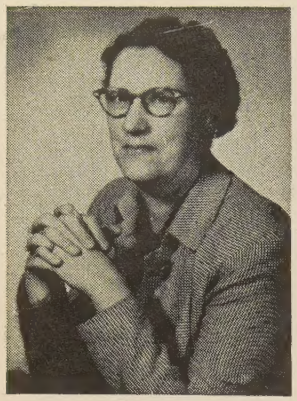
Prepare your annual report to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish a copy of this report to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her annual report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare the 1956-57 budget.

See that budget is presented to, understood and adopted by the Woman's Society.

With the Committee on Program, plan a Pledge Service for the pledges for the new fiscal year.



**Dorcas Hall**
***Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation***

# *Promotion*

The Calendar of Activities is for your guidance, to help you plan your schedule so that all the basic things will get done. Plan to prepare reports in executive committee meetings, so that all the secretaries together will see what has been done and be able to evaluate the work of their local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Plan an interesting Fifteenth Anniversary observance.

Remember the Widening Fellowship.

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### JUNE

Evaluate progress thus far in quadrennium, toward reaching goals.

Plan to strengthen weak spots.

See Fifteenth Anniversary Plans, May issue.

Plan with executive committee, for observance.

### JULY

Recognize July 15 as informal day of thanksgiving for God's providence. (Leviticus 23:39)

Familiarize yourself with: the *Handbook for the Secretary of Promotion, A Guide,* the Record and Report Book, *My Date Book,* THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK.

### AUGUST

*In an executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by August 31.

### SEPTEMBER

Make recognition of Fifteenth Anniversary with emphasis on local Society's charter members and new members.

### OCTOBER

Evaluate results of Fifteenth Anniversary observance last month.

Emphasize the meaning and purpose of Treasure Chests.

Cooperate in Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and United Nations Day.

### NOVEMBER

*In an executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by November 30.

Use the *Litany of Thanksgiving,* October issue.

### DECEMBER

As halfway mark, review reports in Record and Report Book, and check progress on Goal Chart.

### JANUARY

Emphasize Discipleship in Personal Growth (Goal I).

Observe Epiphany—January 6—with special attention to new members and their individual value to the Society.

### FEBRUARY

Emphasize Discipleship in Widening Fellowship (Goal II).

*In an executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by February 29.

### MARCH

Emphasize Discipleship as related to a World Church (Goal III).

Be alert for district and subdistrict meeting dates.

Check Goal Chart for third quarter.

Officers' Training Day materials need to be ordered.

### APRIL

Emphasize Discipleship as related to World Peace (Goal IV).

Review the year's work as shown in Record and Report Book: share, in an executive committee meeting.

Final opening of Treasure Chests: feature their meaning and purpose toward widening fellowship.

### MAY

Emphasize Discipleship as related to Missions (Goal V).

*In an executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports, and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by May 31.

Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion.

Do your part in setting up Officers' Training Day.

Make final check of Goal Chart.

Look ahead to the new quadrennium!

# Missionary Education and Service

Please study carefully the "Foreword" and first section of the *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service.* Order the *Handbook* and the free leaflets listed below.* Before meeting with the Committee on Program read, if possible, the Program Book and the current textbooks and guides.

Be alert for missionary news to present at every monthly meeting.

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Elizabeth Stinson

**Elizabeth Stinson**
***Secretary of Missionary Education***

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### June

Attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Bring missionary information to monthly meeting.

Study the June issue spread of THE METHODIST WOMAN for 1955-56 approved texts and material.

Send your quarterly and annual reports to your district secretary of Missionary Education by June 1.

### July

Become familiar with the 1955-56 Program Book.

Meet with the Committee on Program. Be prepared to offer suggestions for programs and to initiate study plans for 1955-56.

Present missionary news at your monthly meeting.

### August

Make plans for representatives to accompany you to the district Educational Seminar.

Present the study plans for 1955-56.

Bring up-to-date missionary events.

### September

Attend the district Educational Seminar.

Present, in detail, plans for the study, "Indian Americans." Begin the study this month or next.

Plan with the Committee on Program for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Share with your Society missionary interviews.

Mail your quarterly report by September 1.

### October

Present suggestions for action following the study, "Indian Americans." Welcome other suggestions.

Present news of the work of the Woman's Society.

### November

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Complete study, "Indian Americans." Follow with action.

Give information on the projects of the Woman's Division which deal with Indian Americans.

### December

Begin plans for the study, "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace."

Share with Society a missionary story.

Mail your quarterly report by December 1.

### January

Begin the study, "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace."

Cooperate in the church-wide study, *South of the Himalayas,* this month or when it is offered.

Share in the church-school missionary studies.

Bring news of the home and foreign fields.

### February

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Begin plans for the study, "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."

Present ideas for action following current study.

Bring news illustrative of how the work of missionaries influences world peace.

### March

Begin the study, "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."

Describe some project of the Department of Work in Home Fields.

Mail your quarterly report by March 1.

### April

Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day.

Plan for the study, "Christian Missions in a Revolutionary Age."

Present ideas for action following current study.

Plan for representation at the conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Bring in pertinent missionary news.

### May

Begin the study, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

Register for your conference School of Missions.

Attend Officers' Training Day.

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

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* *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service.* 25 cents.

*Study and Action* leaflet (1955-56); *Ways of Conducting Study Classes; Questions and Answers on Missionary Education.* Free for postage.

Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

**Thelma Stevens**
***Executive Secretary, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities***

# *Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities*

*Dear Secretary:*

You and your committee will need at least the minimum essential materials as you meet together and plan ahead for the year 1955-56. These materials include the *Handbook,* 25 cents; *Activities for 1955-56,* free for postage; the packet *If Thou Hadst Known,* 50 cents; THE METHODIST WOMAN. Review these materials in the light of the following suggested calendar of activities. Watch for new resources and plans each month in THE METHODIST WOMAN. *Remember that our program is a continuing program.* This calendar serves only as a reminder of a few basic things. The effectiveness of your program depends on your own planning!

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Thelma Stevens

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### JUNE

Mail your fourth quarter's report June 1.

Register for your Conference School of Missions.

### JULY-AUGUST

Use THE METHODIST WOMAN pages and begin plans for a special observance of Human Rights Day, December 10.

### SEPTEMBER

Mail your first quarter's report September 1. Call your committee together for special planning to alert Methodists to election issues and responsibilities. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN for September and June.)

### OCTOBER

Cooperate in community-wide observance of U.N. Day—especially important this year because of tenth anniversary.

### NOVEMBER

Work with other church women on all phases of World Community Day program.

### DECEMBER

Mail your second quarter's report December 1.

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Cooperate with pastor in follow-up of Commitment Sunday.

### JANUARY

Use Church and Economic Life Week, January 16-22, as a time to check on the effectiveness of your follow-up of the study, "That They May Have Life." Get your committee together to evaluate the effectiveness of the course in (1) providing new information, (2) changing attitudes, and (3) instituting action. Plan for continuing local action, possibly in connection with your church Committee on Social and Economic Relations.

### FEBRUARY

Use Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Week as a time to "step up" the emphasis on full participation of all races in church and community life. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, February 1955 and 1956.)

### MARCH

Mail your third quarter's report March 1.

Convene your committee to take stock of issues confronting the 84th Congress.

### APRIL

Report results of March committee meeting to Woman's Society and Guild and suggest action.

### MAY

Cooperate in observance of Family Life Week.

Participate in all phases of May Fellowship Day Program.

Convene your committee to take stock of year's activities and make recommendations for 1956-57.

# Wesleyan Service Guild

*Dear President:*

This page is designed not only for you, but for all the officers and committees of your unit. In addition, each officer should study the Calendar of Activities pertaining to her special responsibility. This issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN is one that should be kept close at hand during the entire year.

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*Lillian A. Johnson*

**Lillian A. Johnson**
*Secretary of*
*Wesleyan Service Guild*

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### JUNE

The president of the unit confers with the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to discuss general plans of coordination and to arrange for attendance of the president and the treasurer at executive meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The outgoing secretary of Promotion and the outgoing treasurer hand their books to the incoming officers.

The Committee on Finance meets to prepare the budget.

The executive committee and the Committee on Program meet to make plans for the year.

The recording secretary presents the new Membership Book.

### JULY

The Committee on Status of Women distributes, collects, and files the Service Activity Cards, noting valuable information before filing.

The Committee on Program meets again to make detailed plans for the year's program. Special emphasis should be given to Christian Vocation.

The Committee on Spiritual Life meets to consider plans for spiritual enrichment, taking into consideration any suggestions coming from the meetings of the Committee on Program.

### AUGUST

The Committee on Missionary Education and Service plans for approved study courses.

### SEPTEMBER

The Guild vice-president communicates with the vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service concerning plans for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

The Committee on Literature and Publications arranges a display of new materials for the September meeting.

### OCTOBER

The Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presents the United Nations through displays and specific suggestions for action.

### NOVEMBER

In cooperation with other organizations, plans are made for Human Rights Day on December 10.

The executive committee meets to assist the secretary of Promotion in making out the quarterly report.

### DECEMBER

Plans are made for Guild Month in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

### JANUARY

This is Guild Month. The Committee on Membership makes plans for recruiting new members. Special plans are formulated by the Committee on Publicity. In addition to this, every Guild member is alerted to responsibility for publicizing the Guild.

### FEBRUARY

The Committee on Program evaluates the work of the first half of the year.

World Day of Prayer is observed.

The Committee on Nominations meets.

### MARCH

The Committee on Literature and Publications has a place on the program of the monthly meeting for special emphasis on THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

At the direction of the Committee on Program, the Committee on Spiritual Life arranges a Guild Communion Breakfast.

### APRIL

Election of officers is held after careful study of the new by-laws.

Plans are made for attendance at the Summer School of Missions and Christian Service and the Conference Guild Weekend.

### MAY

Installation of officers takes place in a well-planned, impressive service.

Blackstone Studios

**Dorothy A. Nyland**
***Secretary of Student Work***

# *Student Work*

## *Dear Secretary of Student Work:*

The World's Student Christian Federation pioneered in creating the ecumenical church. Since 1895 students have been responsible for leadership in all world church organizations. As secretary of Student Work you can share in this heritage and pioneer in helping to mold the church of the future.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy A. Nyland

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### June

Observe Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). Urge the church to take an offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Order *Why Bother?* for duties of local secretary.*

Welcome students home.

### July

Use students in summer church programs, in choir, vacation church school, teaching in church school, et cetera. Make them feel that the church needs them.

### August

Fill out student introduction cards* for those entering colleges in fall. Mail directly to campus director of religious life, directors of Wesley Foundations, or to the pastor of the church. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AUGUST 1.

Subscribe to the Student magazine, *motive.* Order from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Mail first quarterly report by September 1.

### September

Plan recognition of students leaving for college.

If in a college town, plan to recognize college students attending your church.

Mail devotional materials to students away from home and service personnel.

### October

World-wide Communion Sunday. Opportunity to help students become world-minded.

Share materials on missions with students and service personnel. Inform them of mission projects at home and abroad.

### November

Entertain students from overseas during holidays.

Mail second quarterly report to district secretary by December 1.

### December

Observe Student Recognition Day. Work with pastor on this. Welcome students home with fellowship tea. During holidays entertain students from overseas. Order *Students From Other Lands.**

### January

Write letters to students and service personnel away from home. Send devotional booklet, *Power.* Order from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

### February

Race Relations Day (second Sunday). Suggest missionary materials for student libraries.

World's Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer (third Sunday).

Mail third quarterly report by March 1.

### March

Invite students to lead worship service and participate in Woman's Society of Christian Service, if you are a college church.

Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service. (Order *Methodist Service Projects,* Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, 10 cents.)

### April

Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church (if there is a college nearby).

### May

Encourage high-school seniors to go to college.

Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Plan to send youth and students to summer camps and conferences.

Mail fourth quarterly report by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Free for postage.

# Youth Work

## Memo to the Secretary of Youth Work:

As an adult worker with youth, you will work very closely with the Methodist Youth Fellowship. You will help to make Christian Outreach an important part of the MYF program as you share in planning in the MYF council.

This year offers an unusual opportunity because of the emphasis on missions, world peace, and overseas relief in the Fall Action Project of the Youth Emphasis.

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Helen L. Johnson

**Helen L. Johnson**
***Secretary of Youth Work***

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### June

Read *Youth Planbook—1955-56*.[1] Review *Guidebook for Workers With Youth*.[1]

Encourage members of the MYF, who have not done so, to make new MYFund pledges.

Help youth attend camp, institute, or assembly.

### July-August

Cooperate in ways to help youth attend the National Convocation of Methodist Youth, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 22-26.

Enrich your leadership by attending some training agency such as: School of Missions, Leadership School, Youth Leadership Conference or Workshop.

### September

Work with the MYF Council in plans for the Fall Action Project on missions, world peace, and overseas relief. Read about plans for this project in the September issue of *Roundtable*.[1]

Cooperate with the MYF Council in completing plans for the year ahead.

Counsel with the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning.

### October

Tell the Woman's Society of Christian Service about Christian Outreach in the MYF, and the Fall Action Project.

Provide resources for leaders of seniors and older youth for Sunday morning and Sunday evening sessions of the MYF. (See list in *Missionary Materials for Youth*.[2])

Consider ways to help youth participate in Worldwide Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and United Nations Day.

### November

Encourage members of the MYF to participate in the Refugee Resettlement Program sponsored by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Make it possible for the MYF to have copies of the special issue of *Power*. (October-November-December.) Order from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

### December

Assist the MYF in planning the observance of Human Rights Day, December 10.

### January

Cooperate in planning for youth to participate in the church school of missions (whenever held).

Provide resources for adult workers with intermediates for Sunday morning unit "World Christians 1956." (See *Missionary Materials for Youth*.[2])

### February

Encourage the MYF to keep informed on matters relating to peace and world order.

Urge participation in the youth observance of the World Day of Prayer, February 17.

### March

Check on MYFund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.

### April

Provide resources for adult workers with intermediates for Sunday evening unit, "Americans All." (See *Missionary Materials for Youth*.[2])

### May

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

Assist in planning for a dedication service when new MYFund pledges will be made.

Urge youth attending summer institutes, camps, and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengthening Christian Outreach in the MYF.

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[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House which serves you.

[2] Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

**Ruby Van Hooser**
*Secretary of Children's Work*

# Children's Work

*Dear Secretary:*

Greetings to you as you face the new year of opportunity that is now opening before you. As a regular teacher in the church school, you will be concerned with the total program of The Methodist Church for its children, a program in which missionary education is an essential and vital part. May you enter with joy upon the service that has been committed to you.

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Ruby Van Hooser

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### June

Attend Officers' Training Day of Woman's Society.

Cooperate in vacation church school.

Present summer plans for children's division to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Read: leaflet, *Secretary of Children's Work;** summer issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for June.

### July-August

Take training in one of the following: Conference School of Missions, Leadership School, Laboratory School, or Children's Workers' Conference.

### September

Read: fall issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for September; also *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] September, 1955.

Meet with council of children's workers to plan year's work, including missionary education.

Report to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

### October

Attend leadership classes for children's workers in the local church or district.

Plan with children's workers for Thanksgiving.

Attend seminar of Woman's Society of Christian Service for study emphases for year.

### November

Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

Plan with council of children's workers for Christmas.

Attend district institutes on missionary education of children.

### December

Assist in planning for the missionary units in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

Read: winter issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for December.

Participate in Christmas activities for children.

Promote the use of the January issue of *The Christian Home.*[1]

### January

Be familiar with the missionary units in the regular church school lesson materials. Also read the manuals for use in additional sessions for primary and for junior children. Be prepared to suggest helpful resources.

Read: *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] *Trails for Juniors,*[1] *Pictures and Stories,*[1] *The Christian Home.*[1]

Report to Woman's Society on activities of children in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

### February

Continue to cooperate in additional sessions.

### March

Read: spring issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for March.

Attend vacation church school institute or workshop.

### April

Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Life Week and Children's Day.

Share in plans for vacation church school.

Report on children's work to Woman's Society.

### May

When juniors in your church meet in additional sessions each week, note the missionary unit in "Additional Sessions for Juniors" printed in *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] May, 1956. Be ready with helpful resources.

Attend district meeting of Woman's Society.

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* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

# Spiritual Life

Spiritual growth is basic to the Christian development of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Constant nurture is necessary and this is the responsibility of the secretary of Spiritual Life.

This Calendar of Activities lists some suggestions that will help in carrying out this responsibility. You will think of others. May we be alert to the spiritual needs of our women and, as far as possible, be ready with answers to meet these needs.

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Louise Bunch
Mrs. J. W. Bunch

**Mrs. J. W. Bunch**
***Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life***

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### June

Study the *Handbook for Secretaries of Spiritual Life* and have your duties clearly in mind.

Secure *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet** in preparation for efficient service as a member of the Committee on Program.

Secure new booklet on *Worship Settings.**

Secure new Spiritual Life literature and leaflets* for study on the Five Spiritual Classics.

### July

Take training in School of Missions and Christian Service.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Spiritual Life and be prepared to present plans for promotion of Spiritual Life whenever the Committee on Program is called.

### August

Check the Spiritual Life bookshelf to see that it contains materials for circulation on prayer, personal devotions, evangelism, and stewardship.

Prepare report for first quarter.

### September

Begin preparation for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial* in cooperation with Committee on Program.

Strengthen participation in prayer groups.

Promote use of *Prayer Calendar.**

Present plans for enrollment of women in the Fellowship of Intercession.*

Encourage participation in World-wide Communion Sunday, October 2.

### October

Cooperate in Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.*

Cooperate in promotion of United Nations Day, October 26.

Cooperate in promotion of World Peace Sunday, November 6.

### November

Cooperate in plans for observance of Human Rights Day, December 10.

Plan program of visitation and distribution of literature to shut-ins.

Hold a meeting of Committee on Spiritual Life.

Reports are due.

### December

Assist in making Christmas activities more Christian.

Prepare for the time of Epiphany in January.

Cooperate in observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 11.

### January

Encourage personal daily quiet time for prayer, Bible reading, and meditation.

Observe Epiphany—a time of personal reconsecration, Friday, January 6.

Present Stewardship Cards.*

Begin preparation for the Lenten season.

### February

Urge attendance at the World Day of Prayer.

Prepare for study of "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics." *

Prepare report for third quarter.

### March

Begin study—"Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."

Cooperate with pastor in evangelistic emphasis.

Plan for Day Apart during Easter week using program in The Methodist Woman.

### April

Follow Easter with Stewardship emphasis.

Cooperate in plans to observe Family Life Week.

Present helps for family worship.

### May

Assist in plans for pledge service.

Secure new *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet.*

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

Prepare report for fourth quarter.

* Material available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Watch back cover of The Methodist Woman for release date and price of new materials.

Harry Carlson

**Mrs. C. C. Long**
***Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature***

# *Literature and Publications*

*Dear Secretary:*

The success of your Society depends upon your ability to keep every officer informed concerning new and available literature for her own office. Order your literature at least three weeks before you wish to use it. Study the *Catalogue,** the *Handbook for the Secretary of Literature and Publications,** and the *Subscription Record Book.* On all magazine orders be sure to list your church account number, which appears in your *Subscription Record Book.*

7820 Reading Road
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Ruth A. Long
MRS. C. C. LONG

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Work for new subscribers and renewals each month.

JUNE

Write for new *Catalogue.** Study it carefully.

If a new secretary, send your name and the name and address of your church to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

JULY

Prepare to assist in literature display rooms at summer school if needed.

Order the *Program Book,** *Worship Booklet,** and *My Date Book.**

Order *Declaring His Glory.** Excellent for complete background material and for circle programs.

Study and urge the use of the *Prayer Calendar.**

Serve on Committee on Program.

AUGUST

Enthuse other secretaries concerning new material available for all lines of work. Your source of information—the *Catalogue** and the back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Send quarterly report to your district secretary of Literature and Publications by September 1.

SEPTEMBER

You have received a sample packet of Week of Prayer material from your district officer. Give immediately to the secretary of Spiritual Life.

Order additional material for Week of Prayer from Literature Headquarters at least three weeks before the observance.

OCTOBER

Seek renewals for combination subscriptions secured last October. Really work in the combination drive for subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Help your district win the banner award.

NOVEMBER

Report enthusiastically all new literature. (See back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Encourage Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Beautiful gift card will be sent.

Send quarterly report to district secretary of Literature and Publications by December 1.

DECEMBER

Suggest a gift from the Society of a year's subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for each new member.

JANUARY

*Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division** now ready! A *must* for every Society. Order early. Be sure of your copy.

FEBRUARY

Share your knowledge of new material appearing on back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Plan display of books for Lent.

Send quarterly report to district secretary of Literature and Publications by March 1.

MARCH

Each month you receive renewals for magazines. Be sure to send early in the month and list names of subscribers in *Subscription Record Book* for a permanent record for your church.

Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

APRIL

Have a shower of new subscriptions.

Plan to attend Officers' Training Day.

MAY

Order copies of *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet** for 1956-57.

Secure subscriptions—new and renewals.

Send fourth quarterly report to district secretary of Literature and Publications by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

# Supply Work

**Mrs. C. A. Barr**
***Chairman, Standing Committee on Supply Work***

*Dear Secretary:*

Greetings to you, and deep appreciation for all you plan to do as we share this common task. It has been said that "the ability to make wise decisions and solve difficult problems is one of the most important qualities necessary to make a successful leader." True enough, but another major quality for an officer is her ability to ACT. Recommendations may sound impressive, a Calendar of Activities may be excellent, but our chief concern is service; doing, not dreaming; helping, not hindering; working, not waiting. This year as we inspire our co-workers to travel many wonderful "second miles" through Supply Work, we shall help hundreds of children and youth to develop into well-rounded individuals committed to a new way of life—THAT kind of ACTION will really COUNT! May you find great joy in such loving service for others.

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Wilma Barr

MRS. C. A. BARR

## QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**First Quarter—June, July, August**

1. Attend Officers' Training Day.
2. Order and study the following materials: * *Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work; Does It Count?; Do You Know? Work of the Home Department; Do You Know? Work of the Foreign Department;* the *Fifteenth Annual Report.*
3. Subscribe for combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. (Wide reading will help you serve more effectively.)
4. Meet and discuss Supply Work with the chairman of Supply Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Youth Work, the secretary of Children's Work, and the treasurer.
5. Study the list of ASKINGS received from the district (or conference) secretary of Supply Work. Be prepared to present it to the Society for consideration and acceptance.
6. Collect articles and/or materials needed by one or more institutions in the home field assigned to your Society. Pack box; fill out Shipment of Goods blank carefully, for it must accompany package.
7. Send any cash for Christmas Supply Work through regular channels of finance this quarter, in order for it to reach institution in time for use.
8. Attend conference School of Missions and Christian Service.
9. Send quarterly report to district secretary of Supply Work on or before September 1. Check with treasurer on correct amount of Cash for Supply Work done; your figures must tally with exact amount sent.

**Second Quarter—September, October, November**

1. Report to Woman's Society on the School of Missions and Christian Service.
2. Present needs of one of the home mission institutions on the list of askings in an interesting way—help the members want to have a share in this work.
3. Do some Cash for Supply Work for one of the institutions in foreign fields on the list of askings. Notify institutions when cash gifts are sent. (Money must always be sent through regular channels of finance.)
4. Share letters from deaconesses and missionaries.
5. Send quarterly report to district secretary of Supply Work on or before December 1. Always check with the treasurer on amounts sent as Cash for Supply Work.

**Third Quarter—December, January, February**

1. Evaluate the work done during first half of year, and report to the Society on what remains to be done if needs on list of askings are to be met. Suggest plans to meet needs.
2. Counsel with chairman of Supply Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Youth Work, and the secretary of Children's Work to see if they are planning to do some Supply Work before close of year.
3. Send quarterly report to district secretary of Supply Work on or before March 1. Check with the treasurer on amounts sent as Cash for Supply Work.

**Fourth Quarter—March, April, May**

1. Plan to send box of materials and/or cash to answer any unmet needs on list of askings.
2. Report on work to Woman's Society.
3. Attend annual meeting of district Society.
4. Send quarterly and annual reports to district secretary of Supply Work on or before June 1. Check with the treasurer on Cash for Supply Work.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. (For prices on literature, secure *Catalogue* of publications from same address.)

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
*Chairman, Standing Committee on Status of Women*

# Status of Women

The calendar of activities is the most effective means we have found for planning and working together. This year our work will be given special emphasis in Status of Women clinics at all summer schools. Remember, as General Conference draws near, to encourage women to serve as delegates to Annual and General Conferences. May we continue to serve with a deep sense of God's leadership.

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Cora R. Ratliff

MRS. W. H. RATLIFF

## QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### First Quarter—June, July, August

Cooperate with the president in setting up the Status of Women committee.

Subscribe to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Secure and study: the *Handbook for Status of Women, A Guide,* Status of Women leaflets, and the 1952 *Discipline.*

Secure the Service Activity Cards for the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Collect a reading and reference shelf of books for your personal enrichment and group guidance.

Keep a Clipping File of achievements of women.

As a member of the Committee on Program:

1. **Keep before you opportunities for the development of every woman.**
2. **Keep before you opportunities for service in church and community.**
3. **Present varied and interesting phases of your work.**

Report to your district secretary by September 1.

### Second Quarter—September, October, November

Service Activity Cards should be used continuously, if the file is to be kept up to date and have current value. Where practical, prepare two sets of these cards, making one set available to the pastor and one set available to the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Call the pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for church boards and commissions.

Cooperate with the Department of Christian Social Relations in the observance of United Nations Day in October.

Continue to cooperate with the Department of Christian Social Relations in the National Citizens' Roll Call.

Secure information from the Status of Women Commission of the United Nations, New York City, and keep the local women in touch with what this commission has accomplished. Also, bring information about the women delegates serving in the U.N.

Report to your district secretary by December 1.

### Third Quarter—December, January, February

Secure the poster, "Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church."

Prepare a similar poster for your local church, showing where women are serving on your local boards and commissions. This will be interesting and valuable to your local Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Put on church bulletin board.

Secure the *Annual Report* from the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C. This pamphlet is free and contains much valuable information on the status of women.

Bring findings from the above source to your local Society.

Report to your district secretary by March 1.

### Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

Watch the last page of THE METHODIST WOMAN for all new publications relating to the Status of Women. Secure this material and present to your Society.

Cooperate with the Wesleyan Service Guild in finding opportunities for service in church and community. Refer to Service Activity Cards.

Be alert to the young wives in your community. Often, this is the "forgotten" group as no special plans are made for them in many places.

In your planning include young mothers and employed women who work on "split" shifts. All women are of concern and interest to us.

Watch for and support legislation which affects women.

Urge the support of well-qualified women seeking places of responsibility in the community, state, and nation.

Pass to your successor the records and material which you have used.

Report to your district secretary by June 1.

# The Mothers Talk It Over

*By* MRS. WALTER GINGERY

***Characters:*** **Mrs. Graves, mother of Dorothy who is going into missionary service in South America.**
**Mrs. Long, mother of a theological student.**
**Mrs. Wright, student of world affairs.**
**Mrs. Black, a possessive mother.**
**Mrs. King, secretary of Youth Work.**
**Nancy Grissom, field secretary for Missionary Personnel.**

***Setting:*** ***Mrs. King's living room. Mothers of girls interviewed for Christian vocations are gathered to meet Miss Nancy Grissom. They sit quietly until Reader finishes the Prologue.***

READER: "When the hand of God touches and clasps the hand of man, the world will be lifted.

"On the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome are the frescoes of Michelangelo. The central panel, the Creation of Man, shows creation to be fully accomplished only when the outstretched hand of God touches the outstretched hand of man. When Michelangelo's awesome and gigantic conception is destroyed by time, we shall still have a perfect, artistic expression of creation if only the hands remain.

"Today, a second creation must take place—creation of a world in which the dreams of God become the acts of man. The hand of man must clasp the hand of God."

To lift the world to Christ means to help in the transformation of people whose lives become radiantly creative by His power. For eighty-five years, women and girls in a lengthening procession have gone out trained and inspired for Christian service. And this procession must continue if the world is to be won for Christ. At the Fourth Assembly this statement was made: "For every missionary who is doing an effective job, ten, twenty, or a hundred are needed to duplicate it." It is said that all that is keeping Africa from being Christian is the lack of missionaries. The 1955 call for 200 new missionaries has gone out. Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Latin America are calling for all types of teachers, doctors, nurses, technicians. How are we as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service going to answer that call? Are we willing to give our sons or daughters for service in our own land or abroad? Are we willing to accept the price of Christian discipleship. (MISS GRISSOM *enters.*)

MRS. KING (*introduces* MISS GRISSOM *to the women*): Miss Grissom has been interviewing your daughters and sons on the campus.

MISS GRISSOM: I am glad for this opportunity to meet you and talk to you. Some of the young people I interviewed indicated that they might consider a church vocation if their mothers would consent. You know, of course, that Dorothy Graves has already made up her mind to become a home economics teacher in South America. Mrs. Graves, would you mind giving us your reaction to Dorothy's decision?

MRS. GRAVES: I must confess that I had other plans for Dorothy. I have been selfish. But I guess every mother's ambition for her daughter is to have her marry and settle down nearby. Bringing up a family is a Christian vocation, isn't it, Miss Grissom?

MISS GRISSOM: We do need Christian homes, Mrs. Graves. Please don't misunderstand me when I say that too often our dreams become nightmares when the comforts of life have precedence over God's work. Our crucial world situation may be the result of hoarding material possessions with no thought of the needs of those who do not have the necessities of life. Dorothy has been called to minister to the needs of the underprivileged ones. Albert Schweitzer was once asked why he became a missionary to Africa and he replied: "There was a great need for a doctor in that part of Africa."

MRS. LONG: And that's just the way our Bob feels about being a medical missionary. He is a great admirer of Albert Schweitzer.

MRS. BLACK: I am fed up trying to help people who don't seem to appreciate anything we do for them. Weren't the people in South America as well as the Asiatics about ready to throw us out? If my Mary is to go anywhere, I think she can serve the Lord just as well here. Why should we be responsible for the rest of the world?

MRS. WRIGHT: I believe I can answer that one. These people need evangelism, but they also need to be taught how to overcome poverty, illiteracy, and disease. This new era demands new techniques. Missions means sharing our skills and know-how as well as the Good News of the gospel. It means working together to build the Kingdom of God on earth. This age of speed and mass communication has made the world a neighborhood. What affects one affects all. Christians cannot live contentedly in a world where millions of people are impoverished and underprivileged without trying to do something about it. I want my children to be proud of living in a country that extends a helping hand to all needy ones.

MISS GRISSOM: Good for you. I call that real patriotism. Mrs. Black, I was interested in what you said about your daughter going into service in this country. She could serve here or in Alaska or Puerto Rico. We need workers badly, especially deaconesses.

MRS. BLACK: Deaconess! I certainly don't want Mary to be a deaconess and go around wearing a little black bonnet and be considered queer and never be able to get married.

MISS GRISSOM: Now, wait a minute. Do you remember Ruth Smith? She was a deaconess. Did she look

queer? Deaconesses don't have to wear any kind of costume. They can lead an ordinary kind of life. They even can get married, if only the right one comes along. A deaconess is commissioned in The Methodist Church and can work in many fields. The deaconesses I know love their jobs.

MRS. BLACK: Please forgive me. I *am* embarrassed. After all, I guess I had better let Mary decide what she feels called to do.

MRS. LONG: I haven't said much about Bob becoming a medical missionary. It is hard to put my feelings into words. When he was a little boy I never dreamed of such a thing. But World War II came along and our family circle was broken when our oldest son Dick went to serve overseas. It seemed as though the whole burden of war rested on my shoulders. Why hadn't the mothers of America been more concerned about the things that make for peace? As you know, our Dick was killed in action. They tried to tell me he fought and died in a "war to end all wars." I was skeptical then and I still have my doubts about that method of bringing peace to the world. Look at our chaotic world today—each country piling up its supply of atom or hydrogen bombs. I am convinced there is a better way and I believe Bob has chosen that way. Missionaries are our best ambassadors of good will. If we don't send missionaries, we shall have to send soldiers. Surely love is stronger than hate.

MRS. KING: We are sure that Bob has chosen wisely. I only wish more mothers and their children could see it that way.

MRS. BLACK: I am still a little skeptical. I couldn't bear to see Mary go so far away from home and have to endure all the inconveniences of primitive living. But I would like to hear of the types of work they are required to do and how they can qualify.

MISS GRISSOM: You know as much about that as I do, Mrs. King. Why don't you answer that question?

MRS. KING: You see, we have regular term missionaries and special term missionaries. For the foreign regulars the first term is for five years followed by furlough. The home missionaries and deaconesses are permitted a sabbatical every seventh year so that they may have time for additional study in order to make the best possible contribution to the ongoing program of the church. The age for both is 23-35. They must be graduates of an accredited college and have one year of special training.

MISS GRISSOM: Almost all types of positions are open to them. Three fifths of the world is just waking up to the fact that they don't have to be poor or illiterate or diseased. They are asking for teachers and technicians to show them how to live more abundantly, and our missionaries teach them how to live more abundant spiritual lives. Mrs. King, tell them about the special term missionaries.

MRS. KING: These are young people just out of college who wish to make a special contribution to the mission program of the church. Those who serve abroad do so for three years and then they may return to the United States and some other type of work, or prepare themselves for service as regular missionaries. The age for the short-term workers is 21-28 years. All short-term workers must receive six weeks of intensive training before beginning this service. Young people serving in the short-term program at home become U.S.-2's, giving two years in some home mission project or three years in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico. Many go on as regular missionaries or deaconesses. The short-term plan gives the candidates the opportunity to make up their minds as to whether missionary service is to be their life work.

MRS. GRAVES: I guess I have been a very selfish mother in trying to keep Dorothy to myself, when she can be so useful to people who need her more than I do.

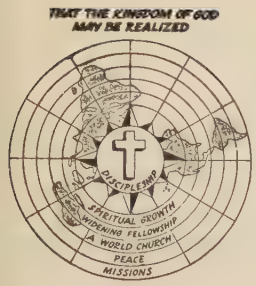
(*Group sits quietly as* READER *speaks.*)

READER: Christian mothers of America, to you has been given the high privilege of rearing a generation of fine young people in the most favored country in the world. But with this privilege has come the responsibility of dedicating yourselves, your money, and your dearest possessions (your children) to the building of His Kingdom. And Kingdom-building must take precedence over every other activity if civilization is to endure. For the material security, even the very lives of our privileged minority has been threatened by an ungodly power. Perhaps we have learned our lesson too late that what we do not share we cannot keep. But share we must.

The dramatic crisis of world affairs gives us little time to make up our minds to meet the challenging situation with Christian action. Upon our decision may rest the future of civilization. The urgency of the time demands either voluntary service motivated by love or compulsory service motivated by hate. Jesus did not say, "Go ye into the world and drop bombs upon every living creature." No, His way was a way of sacrificial love and He died on the cross to demonstrate it. We have not found His way expedient but now we know that nothing else will work. Missionaries have shown by their loving service to needy people everywhere that love can transform lives and communities. Missionaries are ambassadors of peace.

Mothers of other countries are looking to us for help for themselves and their children. Our children have the education, the technical skills, the know-how and, we hope, the sympathetic understanding. Can we not give them this great opportunity to serve God and their fellow men? Mothers in communist countries have no choice, for their children *must* give their lives to their country. What will the outcome be, Christianity or communism? American mothers, your decision, while still there is time, may turn the tide.

*Curtain*




# CHART AND COMPASS

## ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

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THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE.
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE HIM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

# 1940 - FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY - 1955

## *Purpose of the Anniversary*

Anniversaries, like the Roman god Janus, have the advantage of facing two ways. They turn our thoughts backward in thanksgiving for and evaluation of the past and its achievements; they direct our thinking forward to that which lies ahead—a future made richer and more significant through the experience of the past.

Thus we observe the Fifteenth Anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in September, 1940. A Fifteenth is not so widely recognized as a Tenth or a Twenty-fifth. Part way between, it partakes of the values of the two. Crystal is its symbol: looking back we "see as in a glass"—but not darkly. Indeed, the reflection of persons and doings "back there" is as clear and important in its way as the immediate present. Impossible of separation, they merge in an indivisible pattern.

## *An Occasion for Thanksgiving*

Our first reaction is gratitude. If every Woman's Society member will cease reading at this point and let her thoughts turn back across those fifteen years—or as many of them as mark her own membership in the Society—what will she see? A colorful panorama. Much has happened since 1940 that has increasingly been reason for gratitude. For general expression of this gratitude, a Litany of Thanksgiving has been prepared and will appear in a later issue of The Methodist Woman.

## *A Four-Dimensional Experience*

If we evaluate these fifteen years we may see that, in varying degrees, they have had "breadth and length and depth and height." St. Paul wished all these for the little congregation at Ephesus.

*BREADTH?* A world program widened by unification of the three Churches of Methodism, that came together in 1939 to form The Methodist Church. Each church had had its own fields of service; united, they presented the world parish which in twenty-nine countries we look upon today as special responsibility of the Woman's Division.

*LENGTH?* Fifteen years—a good testing time. Not long enough to get into a rut—to "jell" in a mold; but long enough to give assurance that *it works.* Long enough to get the machinery running and the pattern of organization and group action established. Long enough to indicate that the emphases of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1940 are those we are still keeping to the fore.

*DEPTH?* Each year of the fifteen has brought added effort toward deepening the spiritual life of Society and circle, of Guild, of individual. Every goal chart—check sheet—list of emphases—has stressed this. Shall we pause again for a moment, and see how it has been—each one, in her own experience? . . .

*HEIGHT?* "The love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" . . . "filled with the fulness of God" . . . Infinity. "Able to do exceeding abundantly" . . . "world without end." With the inexhaustible riches of Christ to draw upon, there is indeed no ceiling.

# New Light on the Future

At the time of the Tenth Anniversary we attempted to compute the candle power of the lighted candles in twenty-eight thousand Societies. Our computation at the Fifteenth is in the realm of the spirit, in terms of *individual* lights—every woman letting her light shine for the glory of God—every woman a treasure.

The major emphasis of the Fifteenth Anniversary will be on the future with its "greater wonders" yet to be. We shall look back and appreciate the past insofar as it enriches the present and gives promise for the future. But in the main, our faces are forward!

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# Suggestions for Observing . . .

## IN THE LOCAL SOCIETY

You will probably find it helpful to consult the calendar on the opposite page and see to what extent your Society can advantageously feature a Fifteenth Anniversary observance.

Your executive committee will take the initiative, but every member is needed. Our emphasis is on the individual, not the organization.

The idea of July 15 as a Day of Rejoicing is related to the Festival of Booths in Jewish history, which was "the fifteenth day of the seventh month." Our calendar is different, of course; but midsummer is a joyous time for most people, and a time of happy fellowship—perhaps in the nature of a porch party or a picnic—sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and including all women of the church and community, seems appropriate.

Invitation to this "festival" might be broken down into units of fifteen—five out of fifteen being an approximate figure of the proportion of Methodist woman church members who belong to the Society or Guild. If the church membership is divided into blocks of fifteen, five women within each block might constitute an informal committee to insure the presence of them all.

Local conditions will determine the sort of program. In general it may well include a social time, worth-while information about the Woman's Society through the years, and brief worship, in accord with the spirit of the gathering. The worship might center around the passage in Leviticus 23:39-44, with emphasis on God's providence.

The Fifteen Facets will lend themselves to local development. Each may be given by a different woman, who will display illustrative material. Or, one woman may do all the speaking, while others illustrate each point as she names it.

Perhaps the Facets will inspire some groups to original verse or visualization.

Keep in view the aim: to demonstrate the richness of opportunity which membership in the Society offers every woman.

SEPTEMBER was the month in 1940 when the Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized. This month will be a good time to make recognition of any Charter Members who are still in your midst. A reconstructed Charter Meeting, with Charter members demonstrating the signing of the first roll, would be effective.[1] Also, a brief spontaneous period of "I Remember . . .," as members look back to the beginning months and years.

A brief historical sketch will appear in THE METHODIST WOMAN intended primarily for September use.

Whatever the method and material used, let us make it meaningful. We are not celebrating just for an excuse to celebrate!

Above all, help every woman of the present to feel her worth in strengthening the work of the Society. We are making history today as truly as it was made fifteen years ago.

NOVEMBER means Thanksgiving to us in all lines; and the Litany of Thanksgiving may find a place in our personal quiet times, as well as in circle or monthly meetings.

The observance should conclude with December, or before. FIFTEEN—and ONE TO GROW ON. Emphasis might be twofold: on the *ONE* as being the individual on whom everything ultimately depends; and on the forward look suggested by the *ON*.

"There is no bourne, no ultimate. The very farthest star
But rims a sea of other stars that stretches just as far.
There's no beginning and no end. As in the ages gone,
The greatest joy of joys shall be the joy of going on." [2]

[1] See page 24. Reprint of charter meeting program and box at lower corner of page.

[2] Sam Walter Foss, *Songs of the Average Man*, (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Company, Inc., N. Y.). Used by permission.

# FIFTEEN FACETS

## VALUES OFFERED TO EVERY WOMAN THROUGH THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

1. Friendship with others in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. Membership in an organization of size and quality—open to all.
3. Belonging to an organization that welcomes and uses young—middle—old.
4. Opportunity to merge one's individual effort in concerted action for human rights.
5. A channel for contributing, with minimum red tape and maximum confidence, to worth-while causes.
6. Acquaintance with good literature.
7. Aids toward individual and family spiritual growth.
8. A place for using present skills and training, and developing new.
9. A stimulus to mental growth and increased knowledge.
10. A chance to work with youth and children of the church and community.
11. An understanding of the total missionary program of the local church.
12. Fellowship with women of other Methodist churches at district, subdistrict, and conference meetings.
13. Community relationships with other denominations.
14. Inclusion in the world family of races and nationalities.
15. Participation in a World Christian Church.

# FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

## FOR THE LOCAL SOCIETY

*FEBRUARY to MAY—*

Plan for letters to be channeled through local society, district and conference, on the topic

*"WHAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEANS TO ME"*

Selected letters due in the office of the Executive Secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., by May 15.

For particulars consult your district secretary of Promotion.

*MAY—*

Comprehensive plans—this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

*JUNE—*

A study of the plans in executive committee meeting, and outlining of procedure.

*JULY—*

Observance of Day of Rejoicing—July 15.

Seventh month—(Leviticus 23:39).

Fifteenth day.

Suggestion of picnic or porch party to launch the Anniversary.

*SEPTEMBER—*

Observance of Fifteenth Anniversary, using Historical Sketch. (July-August issue)

*OCTOBER—*

Evaluation of results of Anniversary.

*NOVEMBER—*

Use of the Litany of Thanksgiving.

*DECEMBER—*

To grow ON.

# CHARTER MEETING PROGRAM

*Prepared by* MRS. WILLIAM C. HANSON, *Member of Reorganization Committee*

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers"

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING BY THE PASTOR

ELECTION OF A TEMPORARY SECRETARY

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

READING: "The New Day" (from *The Guide*)

THE DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER:

Dear Lord and Father of us all, who art the fountain of all blessings, the source of all true joy, we come seeking thine especial blessing upon the womanhood of our beloved church as during these days we meet to establish a larger order of service in thy Kingdom. Grant unto us thy spirit of love and wisdom and understanding. Be present in our councils and guide us by the Holy Spirit that all our deeds and deliberations shall be to thine honor and glory, and the furtherance of the Kingdom in the hearts of those within our community and throughout the world. Help us to accept this sad day of unspeakable suffering in the world as indeed our new day for the deeper dedication of our powers to the work of revealing to men and nations the love and compassion of a Christlike God.

STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE AND PLAN OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION. (Read by the secretary from *The Guide*, page 34.)

ENROLLMENT CEREMONY (Ritual)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (the president takes the chair)

ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STATEMENT CONCERNING CONFERENCE CHAPTER MEETING AND ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATE

DECISION REGARDING TIME, PLACE, AND FREQUENCY OF FUTURE MEETINGS (based on report of Study Committee)

THE CHARGE TO THE NEW SOCIETY

*President:* As charter members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of _____ Church you have brought into being a new organization that has a significant part to play in building the World Christian Community. Never in the history of the world was the faithfulness and devotion of every Christian woman more needed than today.

*I charge you* to be true to the purpose of this Society; to strengthen the ministry of this church; to study the needs about you; to open your heart and mind as never before to the needs of womanhood and childhood in every part of the world; to become active, informed world Christians.

*I charge you* to look to the future, not to the past. Glorious as have been the achievements heretofore, they are steppingstones on which to rise to greater heights.

*I charge you* to let the love of Christ dwell in you richly. Pray daily that this new-born Society may be a spiritual power for world righteousness and that in the heart of each of us may be kindled anew a passion to make the love of God known to men. Let us pray.

PRAYER (unison):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we invoke thy benediction upon us as we accept the charge to go forward into larger fields of service. Empower the newly elected leaders with wisdom and strength. Open our eyes and quicken our awareness to the opportunities that lie before us. Kindle our hearts with the flame of thy Spirit. In this high hour make us zealous for service, and humbly surrendered to thy leading, that we may be worthy followers of him who came to minister to the world's needs. Draw us close to thee and to each other in love and unity.

PRAYER HYMN (sung softly, heads still bowed):

**"A charge to keep I have,**
**A God to glorify,**
**A never-dying soul to save,**
**And fit it for the sky.**

**"To serve the present age,**
**My calling to fulfill;**
**O may it all my powers engage**
**To do my Master's will!"**
**(A moment of silent dedication.)**

HYMN OF LOYALTY, "Uno Animo" (all standing): tune, Finlandia.

**"O Lord of Life, we offer unto thee**
**In this new day our pledge of loyalty;**
**We make new paths, thy purpose to fulfill,**
**We seek new power to do thy holy will.**
**O send us forth, united, strong, and free,**
**And we will praise thee for each victory.**
**Help us to face the challenge of our day,**
**Seeking for all thy loving Kingdom's sway,**
**Help us to prove thy best, eternal good,**
**Through service build the world's new brotherhood**
**For thou hast said our labor shall not fail**
**If done for thee it surely will prevail.**
**Save us from pride, from trust in earthly might,**
**In humble faith, help us to do the right,**
**For battle give thy Spirit's mighty sword**
**Shed forth in us the beauty of thy word.**
**Accept us now in this blest unity,**
**To love, to serve, to live, to die for thee."**

BENEDICTION

**The above service is reprinted from the first issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1940.**

**THE METHODIST WOMAN was a combination of four magazines of the uniting woman's societies of Methodism: *The Woman's Missionary Friend, Woman's Home Missions, Missionary Record, Methodist Woman's Association Bulletin.***

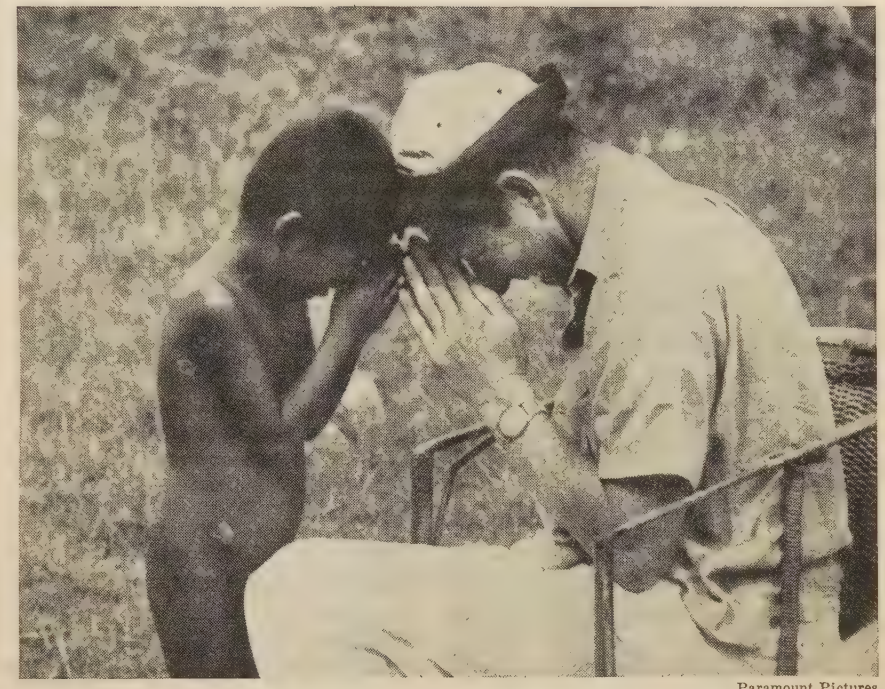
**If the service is used in whole or in part, it will be necessary to omit the Readings from The Guide, which are not in the current issue; Elections; and Statement concerning Conference Chapter meeting.**

# Information and Action

*Dear Friends:*

During the month of May many churches will be observing National Family Life Week. You will want to plan effective action which will tie this emphasis into parts of the program of Christian Social Relations which deal with the needs of family and children. One place where you will find it possible to make a very important connection will be on the subject of the educational needs in your community and state. As you will remember, money was authorized by Congress so that each state might hold a conference during the spring of 1955 on its educational needs. The results of these conferences will be presented to a national conference to be held in Washington next fall. You should be able to obtain some excellent material from your state conference. Why not secure it and then find out from your school board how your community fits into it. A report on this with some well thought out questions may stimulate members of your Society to work on local needs and perhaps to become interested in necessary state and federal legislation.

An important way to connect this emphasis on family life with the needs of the world will be through the new commercial film, "Assignment Children," which stars Danny Kaye and children in Asia aided by UNICEF. Paramount is offering this twenty-minute picture to local theaters and the proceeds will be donated to UNICEF. Why not urge your local theater manager to show it and arrange to have as much publicity as possible given to it? No one who has seen it will be able to forget the faces of the UNICEF-assisted children whom Danny Kaye learned to know and love.



Paramount Pictures

**Danny Kaye and a boy from Thailand say "Thank you" to UNICEF. Only scars mark the yaws sores helped by one injection of penicillin**

Two new materials which you will find of help are "Stop, Look, Listen," published by the Church Peace Union, 170 East 64th Street, New York. Single copy free, 100 copies, $2.50; and "About Racially Inclusive Churches," from the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York. 3 cents each, $2.75 per 100. The former consists of an excellent listing, with comment, of outstanding newspapers, books and pamphlets, organizations, TV and radio programs which will help you to keep informed. There are also good yardsticks to help you in judging the responsibility of these mass media and some projects for your use.

The second leaflet furnishes facts which churches should understand as they face the problem of being racially inclusive. As we devote this month particularly to the affairs of children, let us keep in mind the great good that can come to the world if children grow up with healthy bodies and informed minds, not only in our communities but around the world. Even as Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not . . .," let us concern ourselves even to the point of sacrifice with the affairs of the world's children.

Sincerely yours,

THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER
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# Celebrating U.N. Charter Day

AS was suggested in the April issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, the tenth anniversary of the acceptance of the United Nations Charter calls for special recognition. In the following pages you will find skeleton plans for two pageants. These can be expanded to fit time and resources available.

### Ten Exciting Years

*Characters: The 10 years 1945-1954*

Each year might be costumed in a simple blue and white drape to accord with the flag of the United Nations. Numerals of the year might be placed conspicuously on the draperies. As her year is named by the leader, each will step to the front of the platform to make her speech. When it is finished she will step back so that when the year 1954 has spoken, the line of ten figures will be well placed on the platform for the final speech of the narrator.

*Narrator (As curtain rises he seems to be talking to himself in a worried fashion. If no curtain is used, have the narrator walk onto the stage talking to himself.):* So he said to me, "The U.N.! Why do you bring that up? What has it done?" I hardly knew what to say and I was so ashamed of myself too. How long ago was it that I had been so enthusiastic about the possibilities of the U.N.? When *was* that? Five years ago, six—no, 1945, ten years ago, and has that United Nations really accomplished anything in those ten years? I wonder . . . what have these years really meant. . . .

*1945 (entering in a rather timid way):* Excuse me for interrupting but if you want to know what these years really have meant, think of *my* year—1945! It's a year that will be written in the history books of the future. *I* saw fifty-one nations agree upon a blueprint for a future where they hope to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" by making an unprecedented effort to "practice tolerance and live together as good neighbors." I saw them—and the sight was one to make my heart beat faster—"resolve to practice tolerance and to live together in peace with one another, to assure by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods that armed force should not be used except for the "common good," and as I watched they went deeper into the causes of war than anyone ever had before. They resolved "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all people" so that they might "enjoy social progress and better standards of life and larger freedom." There beside the Golden Gate I saw them create the United Nations and make my year a year of great beginnings.

*Narrator:* Yes, I remember that, but what happened to all those high resolves?

*1946:* Let me tell you. We had a blueprint but time pressed. Said Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, perhaps one of the greatest authorities on international affairs, "No provisions that can be written into the Charter will enable the Security Council to make the world secure from war if men and women have no security in their homes and in their jobs." The nations that made up the United Nations saw the truth of this and in my year, 1946, they launched through the United Nations the greatest attack on the causes of war that man ever had known. Specialized Agencies were established in three important fields: the International Labor Organization (ILO) to deal with the problems of the worker and his employer the world over; the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to find ways to provide more food for the hungry mouths of the world; and UNESCO to fight ignorance and provide men with the important tools of knowledge and understanding. Recognizing that the plight of children would not wait even for these endeavors, it created a new kind of organization, UNICEF, dedicated to the proposition that we must find ways of keeping the children of the world alive and healthy in the period when we are trying to discover the answers to the underlying problems that have placed them in jeopardy. In order to make the United Nations more truly representative, four new members were added. A committee was set up to help refugees and displaced persons. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs began a world attack on these problems. That was my year.

*Narrator:* That's a lot accomplished.

*1947 (hurrying in):* But wait until you hear about my year. We really began to get action. One thing about this United Nations—it does not have to follow any hidebound principles. There was a stalemate in Europe and Asia where nobody knew how to overcome the problems left by years of war. Somebody had to get the railroads running again, so the United Nations set up two regional economic commissions, ECE (Economic Commission for Europe) and ECAFE—sounds like a new kind of coffee powder, doesn't it, but it's really the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. These commissions already are restoring transportation and communication lines, securing materials for rebuilding and power for running industries. Without any fuss I've gotten millions of pounds of goods going to the places where they are needed! Three more Specialized Agencies became part of the U.N.: the International Civil Aviation

Organization to make air travel safer, the International Bank to make loans for important development projects, and the International Monetary Fund which has already checked perilous inflation threatening economic ruin to three countries. Two more nations became members of the U.N. WHO (World Health Organization) made the first world attack on a cholera epidemic originating in Egypt and threatening the world. The first Technical Assistance program was begun.

*Narrator:* That begins to sound good.

*1948:* But wait until you hear about me. A truce in the fighting in Palestine was brought about in 1948. First elections were held in South Korea under U.N. supervision. The "shooting war" in Indonesia was halted. The International Court of Justice settled the dispute between Albania and Great Britain over British vessels torpedoed in the Corfu Channel. U.N. observers in Greece prevented overthrow of the government by outside groups. The Economic Commission for Latin America began to function. But probably the most exciting thing that happened in my year was the adoption without dissenting vote, on December 10, 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I had another unanimous vote, too: the expanded program of Technical Assistance was authorized with everyone enthusiastic.

*1949:* Yes, we began to move fast in my year. 1949 saw, among many other things, the Berlin blockade settled through U.N. officers; malaria reduced from 95 per cent to 5 per cent in test areas in Greece; 268,000 refugees and displaced persons resettled by the U.N. refugee organization (IRO). It also saw lives saved by the new uniform pilot training regulations of the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).

*1950 (rushing onto stage):* Those were important "firsts," 1949, but I had some too. For the first time in the history of the world, united action to repel aggression was taken in Korea in 1950. Seventeen nations contributed troops. On the prevention side, UNICEF established in Chile the first milk-drying plant in Latin America to supply milk for 100,000 children.

*1951 (rushing onto stage and pushing 1950 aside):* You can't tell all of the things that happened because, by the time we came along, these defenses against poverty, ignorance, and oppression were beginning to build up so fast that it would take hours just to list the accomplishments. The most important thing that happened in 1951 was the establishment of the first peace observation commission in the Balkans. The Trusteeship Council graduated its first trust territory, Libya, and intensified work to get other territories ready to govern themselves. Technical Assistance increased; the Children's Fund was able to report that its operation already had benefited more than sixty million children in seventy-two countries and territories.

*1952:* And I can add more to the same story. Now that the land reform program is being developed, mass attacks are being made by WHO on such diseases as malaria, syphilis, and trachoma. UNESCO has begun a twelve-year plan to establish a world network of training centers for teachers of fundamental education to relieve illiteracy. A standardized Braille alphabet for the blind has been established replacing more than twenty different Braille scripts. Reading has become a possibility for several million blind people. But the thing I am most proud of, I guess, is that when the 1952 General Assembly opened on October 14 the Meditation Room was ready.

*1953:* Let me add some figures. In my year, 1953, the number of countries and territories learning how to help themselves through U.N. technical assistance has risen from 71 to 97. Thirty-nine million dollars and a great deal of concern has begun to make reconstruction in Korea a reality. I have a new Secretary-General, too, Dag Hammarskjold, a man of great religious faith and concern for all peoples. The Covenant on Political Rights of Women has been signed by twenty-five countries.

*1954 (breaking in):* I can see that you are just ready to tell about President Eisenhower's December 8 speech on atoms for peace, but that is my story. In another of these unanimous resolutions that you never hear about, *my* General Assembly authorized a new Specialized Agency to be set up to make the atom available for peaceful uses. I wish we had time to talk about what that can mean. I'd like to take time, too, to talk about the disarmament resolutions that have brought us closer to solving this number one problem of the world, and about the benefits of the Technical Assistance program now well established, and the billions of people to whom the Specialized Agencies are bringing increased help and safety.

*Narrator:* Never mind, you've already answered my questions. What have these years really meant—a beginning on making it possible for good neighbors to enjoy social progress and better standards of larger freedom. What'll the next ten years mean? I guess that's up to us.

### Five Articles in Search of a Future

The characters are various important Articles of the United Nations Charter. They might step out of any background symbolic of the United Nations—representation of the U.N. buildings or the flag, for example. More Articles might be used if time allows.

There should be a narrator who will pick up on the prominent headlines of the international situation and say something to the effect that this is the kind of world in which we live. How much of a bulwark against the forces endangering peace did we erect ten years ago in San Francisco? Let's look at the Charter of the U.N. to see.

There is Article 1 on the purposes of the U.N.

*Article 1*—Some people have said that I am just words, but there is no greater force in the world than words. They have a way of getting around and coming to the attention of people to whom they mean hope. Some of my words about maintaining international peace and security and the suppression of acts of aggression have been pretty important and will grow more important as the years go by.

*Narrator:* True, and the rest of the Charter implements these words. For instance, there is Article 9.

*Article 9*—Perhaps it is because these words have something to back them up that they are important. I set up the General Assembly of the United Nations. Here for the first time in the history of the world a large proportion of its nations can meet to discuss the problems of world tensions, poverty, and ignorance which could underlie the causes of war in the years to come. A great many important things have happened already because I exist. Words have been spoken which have brought peace in disputes between nations, which have brought into the open situations which could exist only because the world did not know about them. Under my authority sixty nations have made important plans to give the peoples of the world not only the "four sandwiches" of immediate relief which are so critically needed in times of physical starvation, but also the four freedoms which will prevent spiritual and moral starvation.

*Article 23*—I am an article of deeds, also. By my authority the Security Council functions. There is talk in the Security Council and there needs to be much more of it, but there has also been action. The first collective action against aggression in the world was undertaken in Korea. There has been action in terms of mediation which has stopped at least four shooting wars, and made it possible to begin peaceful solutions of the problems which had precipitated the disputes.

*Narrator:* When I think of the service the U.N. has performed, I think of the Trusteeship Council set up in Article 76.

*Article 76*—It would be hard for me to decide whether actions or words were most important to me. The action that has improved the conditions of life under which millions of people in dependent territories live, the action which has given people who never before had anyone to listen to their problems, a voice in their own destiny—these are important; but there are also some beautiful words within my Article in which a great many people find comfort, like encouraging the "recognition of the independence of the peoples of the world" and "progressive development toward self-government and independence."

*Article 62*—It is strange how similar some of our words sound, isn't it? But that is not surprising when you come to think about it, because we are all parts of the same Charter. Each of us is expected to be a tool which will make it possible to work more effectively in some particular part of the task. My job as the Article describing the Economic and Social Council is to make studies and reports to the General Assembly about international, economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters and it is surprising how much I have achieved. Sometimes I am tempted to think of it in specific terms because of the Specialized Agencies which I have set up, and because of the things that have been done directly through my missions. Millions of people can read and write who were illiterate ten years ago when the Charter was signed in San Francisco. At least five million people have adequate sources of pure water which they did not have when the U.N. began. In almost all of the world the diseases of malaria, tuberculosis, trichinosis, yaws, and trachoma have begun to yield to the forces which the U.N. has been able to put into the field. An attack has begun on twenty-one new diseases—new that is to western medical science—which are estimated to take eighteen million lives annually and to cripple five times as many people in Africa and Asia.

But these are just little isolated facts with which I comfort myself and sometimes impress the discouraged. The important fact is that I provide a way in which the world can work together on these problems. My Article may be so much down-to-earth that it seems a little grubby at times, but the drama behind these wells, these medical undertakings, the new uniform Braille alphabet, the popular studies, and the rest of my work is a drama of a new world to come.

*Note:* This is only a brief illustration of the way that a pageant can be worked out using the Charter as a basis. You will be able to find in *United Nations Review,* in the leaflet, "Your U.N. Worked for Peace 1953-54," and in back issues of The Methodist Woman, material to build on.

**1955-1956 PROGRAM TITLES**

***To the End of the Earth***

**September—The Spread of the Kingdom in Perilous Times**

**October—Indian Americans — "They Are My People, Saith the Lord"**

**November—Women and the Church—Through the Centuries**

**December—We Would See Jesus —Today**

**January—A Changeless Gospel in a Revolutionary World**

**February—The World's Laborer, "Worthy of His Hire"**

**March—Ventures in Discipleship**

**April—Christian Discipleship Today**

**May—Why We Give**

**June—The World . . . Beginning in My Community**

**July—Scatter the Seed in Brazil**

**August—How Real Is the Kingdom to Us?**

# WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWSLETTER

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

## SYMBOLS OF GOD IN THE CITY

The city is full of straight lines—in streets and buildings.

There is nothing like that in nature, where all things curve.

Yet when men felt the need for directness, an unswerving path, God's laws of geometry were there, waiting to be used.

Straightness is the visible sign of the order in the universe.

When John wrote of heaven it was of a holy city "that lieth foursquare."

Consider the skyscrapers. Their foundations go down through sand and mud to bedrock, where the forces that hold the earth together lay hold on the steel and concrete and keep the buildings stable.

So we can rest on the certainty of God's righteousness and the permanence of his laws.

The skyscrapers also soar upward, reaching for air and light, climbing in clear, compressed lines.

In them we rise, with no effort, from the level of the earth's surface to a plane up in the air, where we work a little closer to the sky.

So may our spirits soar in the upward reach toward God.

The lights of the city at night are bright, holding back the darkness for a space around us.

So shines the Star of Bethlehem in a dark world, giving light to the feet of men and leading them nearer to God.

**Acknowledgement**

*This poem on the city and the idea for the sketch are products of the creative skill of Miss Lillian Williams, managing editor of* The International Journal of Religious Education, *who for several years has been a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.*

*Miss Williams incorporated the same idea in a worship service which appeared in the December, 1954, issue of* The International Journal of Religious Education, *the magazine which the Wesleyan Service Guild sends to missionaries, deaconesses, and/or institutions of the Woman's Division.*

## GUILD WOMAN OF THE MONTH

**Mrs. C. F. Bobzien**

MRS. C. F. (Florence) Bobzien, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, present secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of West Oklahoma Conference, is a person who exemplifies the highest ideals of Guild tradition. She is employed in the investigation and fraud section of the Oklahoma Employment and Security Commission. She is a member of the Putnam City Methodist Church in the suburbs of Oklahoma City and she and her husband live in that area, making their home the gracious meeting place for many church groups and especially for two lovely sons and their wives.

She is an example of a loyal worker in the Woman's Society, who became an equally ardent Guild worker when she became an employed woman and could no longer participate in the full program of the Society. Her previous experience and knowledge of the Woman's Society have proved invaluable in promoting the work of the Guild in the conference. She drives miles to help organize new Guild units, and says one of her greatest joys is to see others coming into this fellowship of working women.

When asked what the Guild meant to her, she said: "The Wesleyan Service Guild has meant so much to me that it is difficult to put it into words. Fellowship comes first—the genuine love, interest, and concern for each other in my own Guild; the wider fellowship through the district and conference; the expressions of affection and prayers of my Guild members

when I had some major surgery recently helped me to have peace of mind.

"The Guild program has helped me to grow as a Christian, deepening my concern for other races and peoples. My participation in the Guild Retreat at Aldersgate was a most enriching experience. The friendship formed there between a wonderful Negro Guild worker and myself when we were prayer partners has developed through the years. Later when their Area Guild meeting was held in our city, she visited in our home and our conference entertained her group—a forward step in race relations in our state.

"Seeing the lack of contact with the church among so many employed women, among those in my own office, I realized the need of Christian witnessing in our daily work. There is no limit to the influence of a consecrated woman in her daily associations."

Mrs. Bobzien's hobby has been helping the families of Displaced Persons become established. In this she has had full support from her family, and at least five different families in Oklahoma City never fail to find comfort and help at the home of the Bobziens.

## REVISED BY-LAWS—DIVISION LEVEL

Article 1.—Name and Purpose

Within the Woman's Division of Christian Service there shall be a Wesleyan Service Guild whose purpose shall be to provide a channel through which employed women may participate in the program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a program offering spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship, and the opportunity to take an active part in developing a world Christian community.

Article 2.—Authority

General supervision of the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be vested in a standing committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service composed of the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, six members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, six jurisdiction secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and six other Guild members who are especially qualified to work in this field. The treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the executive secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation, and the editor responsible for the literature of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be members *ex-officio* of the standing committee.

Article 3.—Meetings

*Section 1.* There shall be an annual meeting of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

*Section 2.* Other meetings of the standing committee shall be held at the call of the chairman or of five members of the standing committee at such times as are necessary or desirable to carry on the work of the Guild.

Article 4.—Officers and Their Duties

*Section 1.* There shall be the following officers of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild: a chairman, a vice-chairman, a recording secretary, a secretary of Promotion, and such other officers as the development of the organization may require.

The officers of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall bear such responsibilities and perform such duties as usually appertain to such officers. The vice-chairman shall be the chairman of the Committee on Program.

*Section 2.* There shall be a secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and such additional staff members as may be required.

*Section 3.* The secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild and her staff shall promote the organization and work of the Wesleyan Service Guild through the standing Committee of the Guild and through jurisdiction, conference, and district committees and secretaries. She shall cooperate in such adaptations of materials of the Committee on Literature and Publications of the division as seem desirable.

She shall be a member of the standing Committees on Status of Women and on the World Federation of Methodist Women of the division, of the standing committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and of the enlarged staff of the section. She shall be a member *ex-officio* of the standing Committees on Finance and Estimates, on Literature and Publications, and on Missionary Personnel of the division.

She, or someone designated by her, shall represent the Woman's Division in organizations and movements touching the interests of employed women. She shall keep before the division the needs and interests of employed women in their relationship to the ongoing program of the Christian church. She shall make regular reports to the division and its executive committee.

Article 5.—Committees

*Section 1.* There shall be the following committees in the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild: a Committee on Spiritual Life, a Committee on Missionary Education and Service, a Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a Committee on Status of Women, a Committee on Supply Work, and a Committee on Program.

*Section 2.* There shall be an executive committee of the standing committee composed of the following members: the chairman of the

standing committee, the vice-chairman, the recording secretary, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Other members may be coopted as the need arises.

The executive committee shall meet on call of the chairman in consultation with the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division.

*Section 3.* The Committee on Program shall be composed of the vice-chairman and chairmen of committees of the standing Committee of the Guild.

*Section 4.* There also shall be a Committee on Nominations whose duty it shall be to present nominations of members at large of the standing Committee of the Guild.

*Section 5.* Other committees may be added as the work demands.

Article 6.—Elections

*Section 1.* The members of the standing committee shall be elected quadrennially as follows:

(1) Six members of the Woman's Division elected by the division at the organization meeting with due representation from the departments of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

(2) Six jurisdiction Guild secretaries elected at the jurisdiction Guild meetings.

(3) Six representatives at large who are members of the Wesleyan Service Guild especially qualified to work in this field, elected by the members of the Woman's Division on the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the six jurisdiction Guild secretaries.

(4) There shall be members *ex-officio* as indicated in Article 2.

*Section 2.* The secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division shall be elected annually by the Board of Missions. The standing Committe of the Guild may recommend the nominee.

*Section 3.* The officers of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, with the exception of the chairman, shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the quadrennial meeting of the Guild. These officers shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for one additional term.

Article 7.—Funds

*Section 1.* The fiscal year of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall correspond to the fiscal year of the Woman's Division and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

*Section 2.* The funds of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be administered by the treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, according to the constitution and by-laws of the division.

Article 8.—Amendments

Proposed amendments to all by-laws may be made at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty days' notice is given in writing to all members of the division by the executive committee of the division or by the standing Committee on Constitution and By-laws of the division. Proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be sent to the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in time for presentation to the September meeting of the executive committee of the division.

## GUILD IN CHILE

*By* Fidela Ponce

The first and only Guild group that exists in Chile initiated its activities in 1949. Mrs. James E. Major, a former missionary to Chile, talked to us about Guilds in the States and suggested the idea of starting one. Later on, she received some materials regarding Guilds, and little by little we began to carry on a simple program.

We now meet once a month. We worship, study, discuss a subject, carry on business, and have refreshments. Most of the members and visitors share their experiences in these programs.

Since 1949, we have carried on projects such as these: help to rural schools, to students in the church, to our Methodist Camp for building new cabins; and scholarships for intermediates attending summer institutes. We also have a choir whose director, one of our members, is a music teacher in one of the state schools.

Our group was named "Susannah Wesley," and we have just recommended to the Woman's Convention recently held that this name be adopted for every Guild that is organized in the future.

We work in harmony with the Woman's Society of our church, trying to help them carry on special projects, and a coordinator from the Society attends our monthly meetings. We are working out our by-laws, following the ones used by Guilds in the States. We have a great deal to learn from you, so we shall always welcome any information that will help us.

Our Guild is becoming a strong group in the Second Methodist Church of Santiago, a pioneer for new ones we expect to see in other churches of the country.

### Guild Members Commissioned

Among those commissioned at the 1955 Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions were the following Guild members:

Miss Helen Loomis, former member of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, recently returned from Malaya where she had been teaching for five years at Trinity College, Singapore.

Miss Barbara E. Campbell, deaconess at Niedringhaus Memorial Methodist Church, Granite City, Illinois.

Miss Margaret Hight, rural worker in southwest Texas.

# *Circles* WORSHIP AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

HYMN: "Come, Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song," (*The Methodist Hymnal*, No. 21).

RESPONSIVE READING: The Armor of God (*The Methodist Hymnal*, page 610).

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:1, 2, 15-20.

MEDITATION: Making Melody, written by Mrs. Frank Barnum.

The 19th verse of the 5th chapter of Ephesians ends with these words, according to the Revised Standard Version: "making melody with all your heart." Music is one of life's most glorious gifts. Not many of us are sufficiently talented to sing arias, compose harmonies, or perform professionally on instruments, but all of us as individuals and as an organization can make melody as we work together.

Recall what is done with the twenty-six letters in our alphabet. All literature as we know it is made up of words, and the millions of words, in turn, are combinations of only twenty-six letters. Fully as amazing is the fact that music, as we know it, is made up of only seven notes—A, B, C, D, E, F, and G—and with these seven notes are made lullabies, hillbilly songs, jazz, spirituals, hymns, operas, oratorios, and symphonies.

The first scale learned by the beginner on the piano starts with C. No sharps, no flats, just a steady climb on the white keys, C, D, E, F, G, A, B, and C again. Let us follow a simple scale as we try with all our heart to make melody to the Lord.

What does C stand for in our work? Christianity? Church? Let us go deeper even than these, to Christ Himself. More than we have ever done before, let us work in the Key of C, the Christ key. When we have a task to do, let us do it consciously for His sake, asking His help.

D comes next. I have chosen Devotion to Duty for this note. Duty is a rather stern and unpopular word. But how very valuable is the officer, the member, who has a keen sense of responsibility, who feels she must not shirk any duty, no matter how humble, that is hers to perform.

For the next note, E, let us take Enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious. An epidemic of enthusiasm would do a world of good for our church and our Woman's Society. Let us not miss the E key in our melody.

Friendliness sounds the fourth note, F, in our scale. There are no better or sweeter friendships than those made in church work. How much our friends mean to us! They rejoice in our successes, comfort us in our disappointments and bereavements, bring out the best in us. Let us bear down hard on the F key, friendliness toward all, in our circle and the whole church.

The next note is G—Generous Giving. We have much to give—time, money, strength, talents, prayer, faith, concern for others. In this favored land it surely is true, "Freely ye have received." Let us not fail to give in return.

Then comes that very important note A, the note by which stringed instruments are tuned. It could stand for many things, but I have chosen the word Attitude. What is our attitude toward our work, our companions, toward trials and sorrows, toward our church, toward religion? Is not our attitude toward life the keynote of our life? We can choose to be cynical, self-pitying, egotistical, resentful, or we can be cheerful, self-forgetful, patient, and compassionate.

Then comes the last, the seventh note, B. What I have chosen may seem a bit inappropriate, but I feel it says what I mean. B is for bifocal vision. A few of us know what bifocals are from experience. Bifocals help vision. With one pair of glasses, one can see both near at hand and far away. In our work it means that we must see clearly our local needs, and also see beyond our beloved church to other people in our homeland and around the globe. We must see them as real persons with real needs. Missions mean people, not just places away off, where we are supposed to send some of our hard-earned money. The best way to see what is near at hand is to attend and have a part in our church services, our circle, and Woman's Society meetings; and the very best way to have the far vision is to subscribe to and read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. It is really inspiring and thrilling to have a little part in the world-wide ministry.

These are the notes from which we shall make our melody: C, the Christ key; D, Devotion to Duty; E, Enthusiasm; F, Friendliness; G, Generous Giving; A, Attitudes; B, Bifocal Vision to C again—Christ the beginning and the end of all our efforts. Our prayer is that the Master Musician may direct us as we play these notes, so that we shall indeed make matchless melody to the Lord with all our hearts.

**Program Suggestions:**

**I. Handwriting Analysis. On pages 4-18 are the signatures of the four general officers, secretaries, and chairmen of lines of work. Cut out these signatures or trace them on separate pieces of paper. Distribute these early to the women who will take part in the program. On the day of the meeting each one in turn will interview the visiting "expert" on handwriting. The *expert* studies each signature and makes remarks based on the work of that officer. Participants should be well enough informed to make intelligent responses and bring out the essential elements of the work.**

**For instance, the expert studies the signature of Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins and tells her among other things that she is methodical and devoted to details; likes people and has a memory for names; she is conscientious, accurate, and efficient. The woman impersonating Mrs. Wilkins replies that all these attributes are desirable in a recording secretary, and tells the reasons why.**

**II. Emphasis on Missionary Personnel. Put on the skit, "The Mothers Talk It Over," and follow this with a review and discussion of the articles, "A Deaconess Speaks," "Retirement After Forty Years," and the article in the May issue of WORLD OUTLOOK, "Laboratory for Life," which is on National College for Christian Workers.**

**III. Quizzes**

**A. Schedule these events:**

1. **Commitment Sunday**
2. **Educational Seminars**
3. **Epiphany**
4. **Family Life Week**
5. **Fifteenth Anniversary**
6. **Guild Month**
7. **Human Rights Day**
8. **Methodist Student Day**
9. **National Convocation of Methodist Youth**
10. **Officers' Training Day**
11. **Race Relations Sunday**
12. **Student Recognition Day**
13. ***The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook* Combination Subscription Drive**
14. **United Nations Day**
15. **Universal Bible Sunday**
16. **Week of Prayer and Self-Denial**
17. **World Community Sunday**
18. **World Peace Sunday**

**B. Define, describe, or explain:**

1. **Annuity Gifts**
2. **A Deaconess**
3. **General Conference Memorials**
4. **Purpose of Wesleyan Service Guild**
5. **"Assignment Children"**
6. ***To the End of the Earth***
7. **Fifteen Facets**
8. **Service Activity Card**

**NOTE: To Committee on Program for subdistrict and district meetings. Two fine suggestions for pageants on the tenth anniversary of the acceptance of the United Nations Charter are given on pages 26-28.**

# THE CONFEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN OF LATIN AMERCIA

*By* IDABELLE LEWIS MAIN

LIMA, "The City of Kings," is beautiful for situation, with the lofty, jagged Andes blue above and the Pacific Ocean at its feet. Blossoming trees, vines, flowers, and green grass give a loveliness that never fades. In this lovely city the Fourth Quadrennial Congress of the Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America was held on January 15-25. From eight countries they came flying (literally)—from Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Panama, Mexico, Brazil, and down from the mountains and up from the coast of Peru. From Brazil came Señora Ottilia O. de Chaves, president of the World Federation of Methodist Women; from Chile, Señora Elisa de Elphick, who has been decorated by the King of Sweden for her humanitarian work; from Uruguay, the gracious president of the Latin Federation, Señora Juanita R. de Balloch; these, and the other fifty delegates and visitors, each important in her own group and country, brought experience and enthusiasm for the great task.

The motto of the Congress was that of the World Federation: "Seek First the Kingdom of God." It was written in Spanish in large letters at the front of the auditorium. The theme pervaded the heavy program which began in the morning at eight o'clock and closed at night at 10:30 or 11 o'clock.

The president, Mrs. Balloch, gave the keynote in her opening speech. She emphasized our need for the vision of the Kingdom and dedication to this need in every part of our lives.

At the brilliant reception on Monday evening, each delegate was introduced and given her badge and a ribbon decoration with the name of her country in large gold letters upon it. Methodist Church members and friends from Lima and neighboring towns filled the gymnasium of Lima High School. Señora Ottilia Chaves spoke of the World Federation and of the place of the Latin American Federation in the total program.

On Tuesday morning the delegates met in the little chapel of the school for an intimate service of Communion and dedication. Bishop Julio M. Sabanez administered the Sacrament.

Every morning at the Round Table business meeting, the delegates carefully considered matters and outlined plans for the quadrennium. No one was shy or afraid to speak. The language used was Spanish, but many understood and could speak English. A feeling of unity ran through all the proceedings, even when there were excited differences.

Each of the four morning sessions closed with an hour of Bible study. In the afternoon, after lunch and a siesta, work was resumed. Officers were elected and decisions made. Much careful thought was given to the matter of missionaries for Latin America. Two are already supported: one in south Chile and one in the mountains of Peru. A third was approved and the call for a missionary for Africa was presented.

At 3:30 o'clock came the consideration of the theme, "The Kingdom of God." Four outstanding women discussed phases of its meaning. Señora Maurine C. de Venegas, wife of a leading layman and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carhart of El Vergel, answered the question, "The Kingdom of God, What Is It?" Señora Evodia O. de Silva, secretary for Mexico, spoke on "The Kingdom of God in the Actual World." Señora Maria Pons de Urquiza, graduate of Crandon, living in Argentina, secretary of the Southern District, presented "The Kingdom of God in Our Task." Mrs. Bessie A. Smith, many years in Friendship House, Montevideo, and newly elected president of the Confederation of Latin America, stirred hearts as she brought the message, "The Kingdom of God, How May We Live It?"

After these serious afternoon discussions, characteristic Peruvian refreshments were served. Here gaiety reigned. Each day brought its special surprise and fun.

Immediately after tea each day a special program was prepared by the delegates of two countries. The national anthem of each country was sung. Some delegates wore the distinctive dress of their people, so charming that we mourned because the women—and men—were choosing the common, uninteresting dress of American-European fashion. The growth of the Societies was pictured in graphic ways. Plays and dances of the land were given and handwork was displayed and sold.

At the evening sessions the work of the various departments was presented: missionary service, the ramifications and importance of social action with emphasis upon anti-alcohol education and moral living. One evening the members spoke in the churches of Lima. The last evening was a rich program of folklore, showing the music and dances of ancient Indian and Spanish times.

On Saturday afternoon, one of the most interesting experiences was an excursion to Pachacamac, the ruins of an ancient city by the sea just outside Lima.

Sunday was a day of high inspiration. The delegates spoke in various churches again and in the evening Bishop Sabanez gave renewed emphasis to the theme of the Confederation.

The officers elected by the Confederation were consecrated to their task for the next quadrennium. In 1959 the Confederation will hold its Congress in Brazil.

# The Pattern of Things to Come

By RAYMOND A. DUDLEY

***A Report of the Fifth Assembly of the Division of Foreign Missions of the NCCC, U.S.A.***

WE LIVE in a world in which new patterns of life are developing with astounding rapidity:

**Facilities for transportation and communication have caused the world to shrink—for good or ill.**

**Since 1946 six nations comprising nearly one quarter of the world's population have won freedom.**

**Rapid industrialization and urbanization create crucial social problems which exist along with agrarian problems in the same lands.**

**Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam are reviving and undergoing radical transformation in the crucible of modern life.**

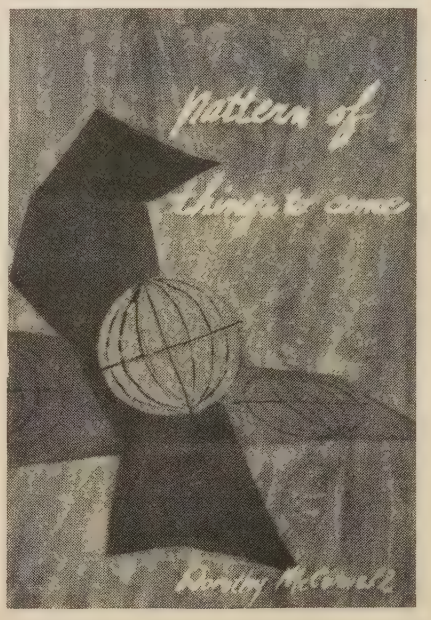
**Communism, at once an economic, social, and religious system, has taken over a third of the world and threatens the remainder. Materialism is pervasively present.**

**The colored man is in revolt in Asia, and Asia will be controlled by Asians—henceforth. The colored man in Africa is in revolt—and the end is not yet.**

**There is a church in practically every land. This is "the great new fact of our time." And there is a World Council of Churches.**

**The United Nations, the Colombo Plan, and the Point IV Program are mobilizing technical assistance and monetary grants far beyond the resources available to the Church for similar purposes.**

Midst these changing patterns of the world we are called to preach the eternal gospel. And we know full well that the pattern of our presentation must change also. But we were forcibly reminded at the Assembly that this change is not an automatic evolution of time-honored methods, nor is it an automatic adaptation to the changing environment. "The pattern of things to come will have to be brought about by much concentrated thinking and earnest prayer. It will be the result of a creative evolution; it will be a novel emergent, indeed connected with the pattern of the past and influenced by changing conditions operating there but essentially something




novel and bearing the marks of a new creativity in vision and understanding."

The topic of the Division Assembly was deliberately chosen with the above considerations in view. And this gathering was part of the process of "creative evolution." The program provided for three major addresses dealing with three geographical areas: Southern Asia by Dr. David G. Moses, Africa by Dr. George W. Carpenter, and Latin America by Dr. B. F. Stockwell. Parallel with these addresses consideration was given on consecutive days to the pattern of things to come in Evangelism, in Institutions, and in Working Together. Some of the insights which were brought before the Assembly are indicated below:

• Christian work of necessity began in these lands with mission organizations in charge. Gradually churches were formed. For long years mission and church have continued to function side by side. In many if not most areas the time is overdue for the church to take over the work of the mission.

• The church must be both indigenous and ecumenical. Its message must be true to the heart of the gospel and understandable to the mind of the people. Its worship must be really worshipful to the worshiper. At the same time the church in one land must bear a rightful relation to churches in every land, and all churches must be supra-national and supra-racial.

• There is a new missionary outreach among the so-called younger churches, and they have begun to send missionaries to other lands.

• There is a growing recognition of the principle that missions are missions only as they are missions in unity.

• In the evolving pattern it is important that institutions bear a proper relation to the churches. The organization naturally will take differing forms. But the institution by its quality and purpose should express the concern of the Head of the church for humanity with its varied needs.

• "All our work must be expressive of our deep identification with the needs of our world." "The Christian faith expresses itself in the Christian hope that the redemption of history is from beyond history. But the Christian hope is not an eschatological rabbit hole for rattled men to run to safety. It is built on the conviction that our God is a worker and that He is in the world working out His purposes."

**All this and much more pertaining to this process of "creative evolution" in which we are engaged will be found in a book entitled *Pattern of Things to Come*, by Dorothy McConnell published for the Division of Foreign Missions by Friendship Press.**

# Memorials

## To General Conference

**Memorials for the 1956 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church are beginning to arrive at the office of the secretary. *If* those sending in Memorials will prepare them according to the following simple suggestions, it will do *two* things:**

***First*, it will assure *your memorial* receiving prompt service.**

***Second*, it will help lighten the load in the office of the secretary, where every Memorial has to be properly prepared for reference to some General Conference committee. The office handles around 1,200 Memorials before the opening session of General Conference.**

### Suggestions for Preparation

(1) Have only *one* subject to a Memorial. Send in as many Memorials as you have subjects.

(2) Write each Memorial on a *separate sheet,* or *sheets,* of paper. *Do not* put two, or more, Memorials on the *same* sheet of paper. One will go to one committee, the other, or others, to a different committee or committees.

(3) Prepare *each* Memorial in *triplicate.* This is *important,* for the original stays in the secretary's files, while the other copies are used for reference to a committee or committees.

(4) *No* Memorial will be considered from other than Methodist sources. *All* must be signed. *If* presented by an individual member of The Methodist Church, give the name of the member, and also the name of the church where membership is held; *if* by any organization of The Methodist Church, give the name of the organization, and the name of the official, with title, who signs it.

(5) The form of a Memorial:

**To the General Conference of The Methodist Church, to be convened April 25, 1956, in Minneapolis, Minnesota:**

**Dear Fathers and Brethren:**

**I (or we) respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session, to *(here follows your Memorial.)***

(6) Send your Memorial, or Memorials, to the secretary's office, 1669 N. Parkway, Memphis 12, Tennessee, as soon as you have them ready.

L. H. Estes, *Secretary*

# Deaconess Work

IN EDUCATIONAL institutions of The Methodist Church, sixty-one deaconesses assist in the program which aims to prepare young people for complete living. All grades and subjects are taught by deaconesses. Some serve as principals, superintendents, deans, presidents. There are deaconesses who are bookkeepers, secretaries, and music teachers in schools and colleges. Others are directors of religious activities and student counselors on campuses.

Among the deaconesses serving in educational institutions there are several who have doctorates; most of them have master's degrees. All meet the requirements of the states in which they teach.

At least 100 additional well-trained deaconesses are needed.

Mary Lou Barnwell,
*Executive Secretary, Commission on Deaconess Work*

## TRIBUTE

**Tribute was paid to two retiring deaconesses, Miss Florence Sebern and Miss Gertrude Schaal, at the recent semiannual meeting of the Rock River Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Each was presented with a Life Membership certificate and pin.**

**Miss Sebern served The Methodist Church as a deaconess for thirty-eight years, the last twenty-four years on the staff of the Goodwill Industries. Miss Schaal served a total of thirty-four years, as a pastor's assistant and Director of Religious Education in several churches and for the past five years as a station clerk and hostess at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago. They now reside at the Chicago Deaconess Home, 22 W. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.**

### IN MEMORIAM

***Miss Lena E. Moffett,* a retired deaconess who resided at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, died in the Glennwood Sanitarium, Trenton, New Jersey, March 17, 1955. Interment took place in the family plot at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, New Jersey.**

**Miss Moffett was graduated from the Kansas City National Training School (now National College for Christian Workers), Kansas City, Missouri, in 1911 and served as a parish deaconess in Barre, Vermont, Oklahoma City and Picher, Oklahoma, and Cleveland, Ohio. She was ordained as an elder in The Methodist Church in 1939 and served in a ministerial capacity in the Dakota Conference for twelve years before retiring in 1947.**

***Miss Nettie Judd* was born January 9, 1873, at Hamilton, Missouri, and passed away February 24, 1955, in the Methodist Home in Topeka, Kansas, which she entered in 1945.**

**Miss Judd was graduated from the National Training School for Christian Workers (now the National College) in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919 and went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she worked in the Settlement House and in a parish. Later she returned to Kansas City and was librarian at the National Training School for eight and a half years.**

***Left to right:* Miss Florence Sebern, Miss Gertrude Schaal, Mrs. Henry V. Loeppert, president of the Rock River Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.**

# Fellowship in Southeast Asia

*By* CLARA M. FRENCH

**A brief report of a trip to the field which Miss French made by air the end of last September, returning two days before the New Year.**

David Tay, Westlake Photo Service, Singapore

**Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Doraisamy and family. Mr. Doraisamy is a district superintendent and secretary of Christian Education in Malaya. Mrs. Doraisamy is a teacher in one of our large schools for girls in Singapore**

THE secretarial visit to Southeast Asia was not just a good-will tour. Neither was it an ordinary round-the-world trip. It involved broad principles and perplexing details of the work on the field. It was concerned with the educational program of the church at home and its relation to missionary service. Channels of communication both within countries and between countries were considered. More important than anything else was the fellowship with workers. All these were a part of the visit to eight countries of Southeast Asia. [1]

Much time was spent in visiting institutions and meeting people. Informal talks with leaders helped to understand the thinking of the people and their needs. Overnight or weekend stops were far too short, yet it was important that every mission station be visited and as far as possible every missionary and administrator have time for consultation.

In visiting the work there were always a few new classrooms to see or a church that had been rebuilt since the war, or a possible site for an addition to an overcrowded building. These and many other items were important to the understanding of the missionary enterprise in Southeast Asia.

Everywhere there were student groups, ranging from small classes among tribal peoples to large city institutions where there would be found a thousand or more. Churches were well filled and in many places two or three congregations would be cared for in one building. Sometimes this was because of the numbers but more often it was due to the different languages spoken. In one rural center they were building three parsonages for the one church to care for pastors to the three language groups.

A very worth-while part of the trip was the time given to informal discussion groups with leaders. In some places members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met alone to discuss their work. In other places the teachers came together to discuss their specific problems. In most of the stations there was some time when the missionaries met for fellowship and discussion. Some of the most stimulating groups were those made up of leaders from all kinds of church work. In one such group the discussion was free and the leaders spoke with great concern for the church. In the course of the discussion one member turned to his brother and remarked, "I never heard you express that opinion before. I didn't know you felt that way about it." It was an excellent opportunity to understand their needs, their problems, and to get an insight into their thinking.

Discussions covered a wide range of interests but there were many problems in common. The rapid growth of schools and their Christian influence was one of the greatest concerns. Some felt that mission schools should not turn away so many students each year; that the young people of the land should have opportunity for an education with some Christian influence. Others felt that the numbers should be small in order to give more personal attention and make possible a larger percentage of Christian teachers. This is one of the greatest problems for the church in Malaya. In one city alone it was estimated that more than a thousand children the age of seven would be turned away from school —and according to their regulations no child can enter an accredited school after his eighth birthday.

Self-support in the churches was another subject common to many groups. The problem of the pastor

or deaconess doing part-time work outside the church was discussed. A pool whereby the more fortunate church might aid the weaker church was suggested. It was a concern for both the laity and the clergy and they discussed it freely.

Members of the Woman's Society were troubled with the small number of women who were willing to take office and carry responsibility. Institutes to train women were being conducted both on a local level and conference-wide. One of the most encouraging things about the work with women was the fact that leaders were conscious of their needs and were attempting to do something about it. Two of the countries of Southeast Asia were having a hard time to share with the rest of the world. They had caught the vision of giving part of their funds to those less fortunate than themselves, but because of government restrictions they could not send money out of the country.

The subject which received the greatest attention was the lack of trained Christian leaders. Places within the countries to train leaders are inadequate and scholarships for study outside are limited. Far too few are in training and too little emphasis has been placed on a program for preparing these people. Because of this the need for missionaries is greater. In every country without exception the church leaders were asking for missionaries. They were eager for workers who would stay long enough to learn the language and understand the people. Even in lands very nationalistic and influenced by strong anti-Christian forces they were asking for missionaries. A question heard many times on the trip was, "Why is the church in America not willing to send more missionaries?"

A visit to Southeast Asia impresses one with the seriousness of life. Homes have been uprooted and families have been scattered; still the people carry on. Christians express a serenity in their lives which is not found among non-Christians. There is faith in their prayers and courage in their actions. A visit to Southeast Asia is more than a good-will tour. It is a fellowship with Christians who have known war but found peace.

[1] Burma — Thailand — Malaya — Indonesia — Sarawak — Philippines — Hong Kong — Taiwan.

## RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS

*By* HILDA LEE DAIL

**Miss Nina Stallings**

Last fall, Miss Nina Stallings celebrated the fortieth anniversary of her first arrival on the missionary field. She remembers that bewildering day in September, 1914, when her ship docked in the strange oriental city of Shanghai. With her were such well-known persons as Louise Robinson and Bishop Goucher. This lively group had gone out under John R. Mott's watchword, "The evangelization of the world in this generation." Their enthusiasm was high. The command was clear.

Like Nina Stallings, some of the young people who answered the call in those days have lived through three occupations. They have suffered all the indignities that war imposes. But as Nina said in a recent letter, "If I had to live it over, I'd want it just the same. Nothing less than the hard and the impossible could keep one on the job. One must live dangerously and uncertainly to depend on the Highest power for strength for the next day, the hour under tension, and all that has made life wonderful."

Nina has pioneered in social evangelistic work with special emphasis on the Christian home. Most of her energies and highest devotion have been given to the rural areas. First it was the villages in China, beginning with the East China Mission-Wide Village Welfare Work. She lived and worked in the villages in Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces, making ten villages permanent projects.

During her furloughs she studied at Columbia University. In August, 1934, she received her Master's degree in Adult Education.

In the late thirties, Nina found herself serving refugees, helping to feed and clothe as many as three hundred children lost from their mothers. She went to the camps, giving love and care to thousands of refugees. She taught them industrial arts, a knowledge that would be of permanent value economically.

The closed door in China did not terminate Nina's zeal. She just transferred to the Philippines. Even after forty years of strenuous work, she is still enthusiastic. This is evidenced in her report of a day with the rural service team. "We were kept busy talking, answering questions, demonstrating, especially the insect control of army worm and stem borers, their worst pests. I gave the instruction on food production and gardens. Since all the group, both women and men, wanted to take part in all of the sections, we were still at it at five o'clock. These rural people are really ready for everything we can give them to help them do better farming, produce more food, improve homes and community, and do their bit to help make a better Philippines."

Time for Nina's pre-retirement furlough is here. Someone must be found to take her place. The words of the Communion invitation seem to take on new meaning—"As these retire, let others come."

# A Deaconess Speaks

*By* ALPHARETTA LEEPER

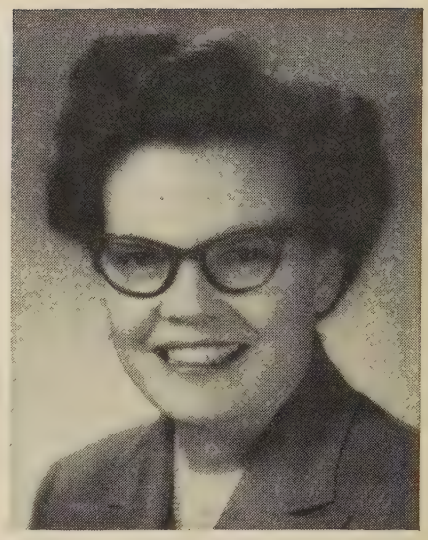
ON JANUARY 12, when 1955 was yet a new year, sixty-four young people were commissioned as deaconesses and missionaries of The Methodist Church. Of this group, sixteen have entered the work of the church here in the United States as deaconesses and home missionaries. To make a Christian witness in a day like this is of extreme importance! But to assume that the only effective witness being made is through church-related service would be a foolish mistake, for the world in which we live demands that the voice of sincere Christians be heard wherever those Christians go about the business of carrying on their chosen work. However, since the church is the instrument through which historical Christianity has moved forward, it must be about its task of making its voice heard and advancing its work through winsome, vibrant, and intelligent individuals whose committed lives make a difference in the character of every community in which they take their place. It is this task which confronts us today.

Agencies throughout our land are calling for committed workers who are trained to carry the responsible loads of leadership in mission schools, in community centers, in the rural church and community program, hospitals, homes, and within the structure of the local church itself. If trained, devoted personnel were entering this service through the commissioned relationship in sufficient numbers, we would not be dependent on many of the employed workers who are here today and gone tomorrow. Permanency is one of the keys to success in most of the work of the church. Consequently, there is a vast difference between the service rendered by an individual who sees her task of commitment in the light of a job to be done, and the one who only wants a job, period.

An equally important key in successful service is commitment coupled with training. Much time of the Missionary Personnel secretaries of the Board of Missions is used in answering letters of those who love the church, who are committed in loyalty to its program, but who have had no training for the task which the very complicated day in which we live demands of church leaders. As great as is the need for personnel, even so it is essential for that personnel to be trained for the important responsibility which the church faces today.

The Methodist *Discipline* describes the deaconess as "a woman who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the church, and who, having met the requirements prescribed by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, including a period of not less than one year of probation, has been duly licensed, consecrated, and commissioned by a bishop." It is within this role that the "called" person may find her place of service and give joyously of herself so that the Kingdom of God may be more perfectly realized in the field to which she dedicates herself.

Let us rejoice in the convictions expressed by one of the young deaconesses who was among those commissioned in January, and pray we may have more like her. Jane Stentz tells us, "When I first inquired about the deaconess relationship, I knew I wanted to be a commissioned worker in the church, but at the same time felt a little doubt or hesitancy about the relationship. I wanted to *belong* to the church, yet was afraid that the relationship might be too binding. This was due, of course, to my ignorance of the whole relationship



**Miss Jane Stentz was commissioned as a deaconess in January**

and policy of the Commission on Deaconess Work. After learning more about it, it was like a light breaking over me, to see the limitless opportunities of service as a deaconess of The Methodist Church, not serving the church as a 'free lance' worker from the 'outside' so to speak, but belonging to the whole church and feeling a real part of its program with the freedom to serve wherever one's particular talents and training could best be used. I appreciate having the Commission on Deaconess Work behind me with a genuine interest in my work and welfare; a commission that knows my history, qualifications, and abilities; knows my physical limitations and spiritual aspirations, and takes a personal interest in helping me find my most useful place of service.

"Being commissioned is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me! It seems so *right*. I have returned to my work with a deeper sense of consecration together with a warm feeling of belonging to a greater fellowship. I feel I want to hold my head a little higher, my shoulders a little straighter, for I am very proud of this sacred trust as a deaconess, and at the same time very humbled. In the words of Bishop Moore, I pray that I may 'carry a perpetual sense of wonder that God should have chosen me.'"

# A Talented Patient

*By* MYRA McDONALD[1]

**Miss Leah Apayauk**

BARTER ISLAND lies in the Arctic off the Alaskan coast less than a hundred miles from the Canadian boundary. In March, 1953, a young woman was flown from her island home to a completely different world; she entered Seward Sanatorium in Bartlett, Alaska, as a tubercular patient. There she felt even more strange because at that time she spoke very little English. But a smile is a smile in any language, and Leah Apayauk has a very special sort of smile.

Leah is delighted with every new thing she learns. There are so many things about which she needs to ask, "What it is?" One day she was reading and halted over the word *seed*. An explanation still left her puzzled. There were no seeds in her experience. A dish of soil was brought to her with a handful of infinitesimal petunia seeds to plant. When tiny green leaves sprouted through the soil, she became very excited over the miracle of a seed.

This young woman makes the most of her opportunities, cooperating fully with doctors, nurses, and teachers. For the first time in her life she has the chance to take schoolwork. She never seems to tire of study. In a short time she finished three textbooks and three workbooks in reading. Now she writes letters home and with a little occasional help reads the letters she receives. Also she is able to do simple arithmetic problems.

Though contented in her new environment, she is not forgetting her home. On the wall beside her bed is a large crayon sketch she made of her village. Recently, a green cotton parka, the kind usually worn over a fur one to protect it, was made by hand with tiny even stitches. She wanted to have a pretty new one for her arrival home in the not-too-distant future.

[1] Miss McDonald is a schoolteacher who is a patient, too, at Seward Sanatorium.

# Erie Plans for Boys

**"We need more room for boys!" That has been the cry at Erie School, Olive Hill, Kentucky, for a number of years. Finally the local advisory committee under the enthusiastic leadership of the superintendent, Rev. Eugene K. Meyers, made plans to erect a small house for boys. Even though the number of rooms is still inadequate, it accommodates some who were crowding into Rose Cottage, the other residence for boys.**

**The new house, named LeMaster Hall in recognition of an alumnus of Erie School, was consecrated on January 16, 1955, with the ceremony in Erie Chapel. The director of Religious Education, Miss Mary Kesler, formerly a missionary in China, sent the following items.—*Muriel Day***

ON BEHALF of the Advisory Board and friends of Erie School, Mrs. J. W. Holbrook of Morehead, Kentucky, made the presentation of the hall to the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Miss Muriel Day, executive secretary of the Bureau of Educational Institutions, responded and accepted the presentation as a joint enterprise in which the Woman's Division carries responsibility for the repair and upkeep of the plant while the Advisory Board and friends provide equipment and scholarships.

A student, Henry Maynard, expressed what Erie School and Christian education mean to the boys. The girls of Erie were represented by a trio singing their testimony. Miss Esther Edwards of the staff sang "Bless This House."

Miss Grace Reuter, who has been on the staff for twenty-seven years, presented a brief sketch of the life of Edwin LeMaster, '40, for whom the hall is named. Mr. LeMaster, with his wife and little daughter, is a missionary in Angola, Africa.

Mrs. C. L. Cooper, from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Kentucky Conference, made the address of consecration.

***Left to right:*** **Misses Mary G. Kesler and Grace Reuter, Henry Maynard, Mrs. C. L. Cooper, Rev. E. K. Meyers, Mrs. J. W. Holbrook, Rev. C. C. Tanner, Miss Muriel Day**

# *Christian Social Relations*—— AND THE LOCAL CHURCH

*By* THELMA STEVENS

ON PARAGRAPH 1248 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, we find the *purpose* of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Section 2 of that paragraph reads as follows: *"It shall seek to inspire in the women of the local church a greater devotion to and concern for the total life and work of the local church."*

Section 3 of the same paragraph further strengthens this purpose as it points out the necessity "to cooperate with other agencies of the church having similar purpose, endeavoring to develop Christian fellowship and to deepen concern for the total responsibility of the church."

In the framework of this purpose let us look briefly at the following: (1) the emphases of the program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; (2) "other agencies of the church having similar purpose"; (3) channels for cooperation; (4) some major points for immediate cooperative action.

**Emphases**

"It shall seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, group, racial, and world relationships" and "enlist the participation of church women in such questions as have a moral or religious significance or an important bearing on public welfare." (*Discipline,* Paragraph 1248, Sec. 1.) In specific terms this means that Methodist women work for world peace, economic justice, racial equality, human rights in all relationships, total abstinence; and to make available resources that strengthen family life and build a good community. *It is obvious that a job so broad and basic calls for united effort!*

**The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and the Board of World Peace conduct a cooperative seminar annually at the United Nations**

**"Other Agencies Having Similar Purpose"**

The General Conference of 1952 placed new emphasis on certain "agencies having similar purpose," namely the *Board of World Peace,* the *Board of Temperance,* and the *Board of Social and Economic Relations.* The names of these special boards in large measure define their varied but interrelated purposes. At the same time it is clear that the program stemming from these combined boards parallels in some measure the program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. That means that many phases of the program can be strengthened, when there is *united effort* of responsible agencies and committees of the local church "having similar purpose."

**Channels for Cooperation**

Every local woman with responsibility for Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in the Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild should keep in mind always her relationship to the *total church.* Some parts of her job can be done better if done in cooperation with the committee or committees with similar responsibility in the local church. Some things can be done best through the channels of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. It may help to know the following facts:

(1) The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in the Woman's Division works closely with members and staff of the three boards named above as programs are formulated. Representatives from these boards are coopted resource persons for the department.

(2) A strong effort is being made by these boards in conference and district to include in their working boards or committees the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or a designated member of her committee. This plan makes for coordination of programs at many points.

(3) The General Conference of 1952 created an Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations "to act as coordinator of the policies and activities of" the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations. At a recent meeting of that commission, an invitation was extended to the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities to have representation at future meetings of the commission.

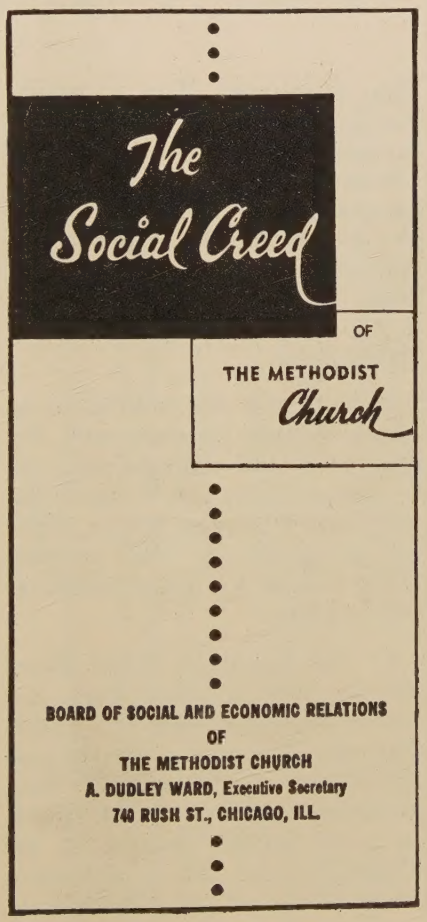
(4) In paragraph 246 of the 1952 *Discipline* it is stated that the *Official Board* of the *local church* "may create such committees as it may determine." In this category comes the *Committee on Temperance* and the *Committee on World Peace.*

In paragraph 1559 the following provision is made: "Each charge *may* have as a part of its Quarterly Conference a Committee on Social and Economic Relations," reporting to the Quarterly Conference. It "*may* report to the Official Board."

The above policies make the total Christian Social Relations program *in the local church optional!* At this point the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild can render important service. *Why not urge your Official Board to make provision for these committees or an equivalent in the local church?*

Keep in mind also that in the creation of such committees or channels in the local church, every effort should be made to have the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the *Men's Work* represented in the membership. That means that the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Society and the Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Wesleyan Service Guild may be included in the membership of these local church committees described above. In this way many phases of the Woman's Society's program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities can be coordinated with the total church program of Christian Social Relations.

**The Woman's Division through the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities promotes the study of The Social Creed of The Methodist Church in cooperation with the Board of Social and Economic Relations. Copies may be secured from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.**




### Some Major Emphases for Cooperative Promotion and Action

#### 1. *With the Board of Temperance*

A. Encourage leaders of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of jurisdiction, conference, district, and local church to attend the *School of Alcohol Studies,* July 13-20, 1955, at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.[1]

B. Work to secure one or more subscriptions to *Clipsheet* (published twice monthly)—one of the best current sources of information on alcohol and related problems. Annual subscription, $2.00.[2] Make use of the resources of *Clipsheet* in your local newspaper and on your church bulletin board.

*The Voice* of the Board of Temperance is published monthly and is a *must* for Methodist homes. $1.00 a year.

C. Does your local church committee or your Woman's Society committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities have among its resources the handbook *Blueprint for Temperance Action*? Price 50 cents—Methodist Board of Temperance.

D. Why not begin now encouraging your local church to plan a constructive educational program leading up to *Commitment Day* in December? Contact your pastor. Offer your services.

#### 2. *With the Board of Social and Economic Relations*

A. Encourage discussion groups on the Social Creed of The Methodist Church. Send a report of your discussions to the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

B. Acquaint your Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and other groups of the local church with the statement on Ra-

[1] For detailed information write the Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

[2] Address TEM Press, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

**The Woman's Division and the Board of Temperance produced the filmstrip "Not My Community" cooperatively, and members of the Woman's Society are urged to attend the Summer Schools on Alcohol Studies.**

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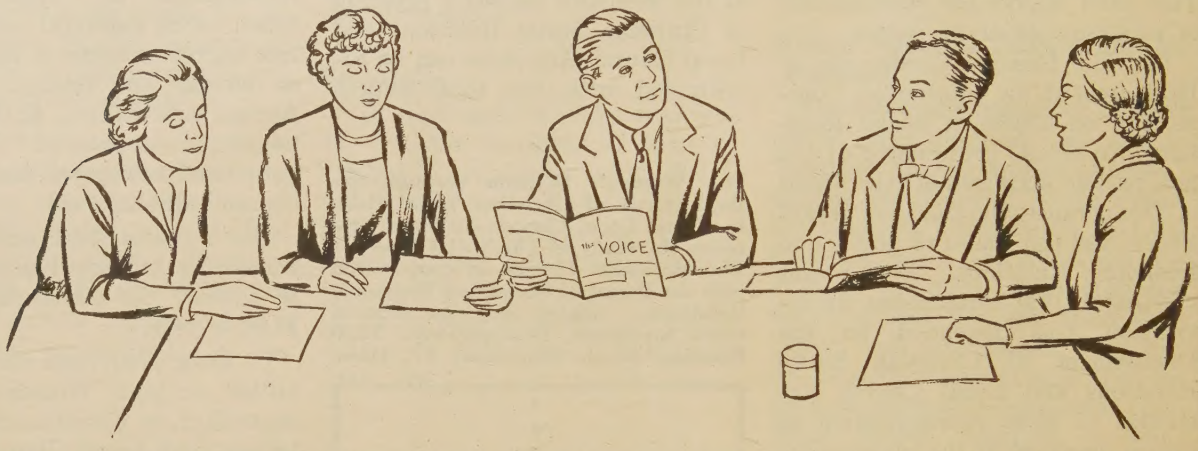



cial and Cultural Relations adopted in January, 1955, by the Board of Social and Economic Relations.[3] See also the action of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions on "Intergroup Relations" as found in the March, 1955, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. These two statements put in the context of General Conference action in 1952 (Paragraph 2027, the *Discipline*) may well provide a basis for discussing the responsibility of your own local church at this point.

C. *Publicize* and *use* the new movie entitled *The Sound of a Stone.*[4] This movie presents clearly and concisely some of the ways our civil liberties are being violated. It is a must for every local church!

### 3. *With the Board of World Peace*

A. The March, 1955, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN recommends: action against Universal Military Training, support of the United Nations (making special mention of such matters as budget and Atoms for Peace plan), immigration policies, and reciprocal trade. These issues are also basic in the program of the Board of World Peace.

B. Institutes and workshops on Issues of Peace in conference, district, or in local churches may well be a place where the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild can strengthen the *total* program of the church by urging coordination in plans.

C. The Board of World Peace has an office in New York just across the street from the United Nations. This office serves the general church. Dr. Charles F. Boss, executive secretary of the Board, is an accredited observer at the United Nations. Mrs. C. A. Bender, whose office is at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, is the accredited observer of the Woman's Division. Attendance at briefing and advisory sessions gives these observers opportunities to interpret the U.N. to the church and the church to the U.N. The resources stemming from these two coordinated agencies are being used to create concern among Methodists for the United Nations.

D. The Crusade for World Order, spearheaded by the Council of Bishops in February, 1955, is an ongoing program promoted by many agencies of the church, but with the Board of World Peace assuming a major role in the process. The study course of the Woman's Society, June, 1955-May, 1956, is related to this emphasis and is entitled, *To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace.*

As Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds, we must seek with new commitment and understanding to strengthen the total life and work of the church.

[3] Order from the Board of Social and Economic Relations, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

[4] Available from the distribution centers of The Methodist Publishing House. Rental for black and white prints, $6.00; in color, $10.50.

**Missionary Education:** Attend district Educational Seminar.
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Call your committee together for special planning to alert Methodists to election issues and responsibilities.
**Youth Work:** Counsel with the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning.
**Children's Work:** Read World Friendship Bulletin in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Meet with council of children's workers.
**Spiritual Life:** Strengthen participation in prayer groups.
**Literature and Publications:** Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial at least three weeks before the observance.
**Status of Women:** Call pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for church committees (this information to come from recent Service Activity Card survey).
**Program Committee:** Distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

### October

**Treasurer:** Help in promotion of offering for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.
**Missionary Education:** Begin the study, "Indian Americans."
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Cooperate in community-wide observance of U.N. Day.
**Youth Work:** Report on Christian Outreach and the Fall Action Project of the MYF.
**Spiritual Life:** Cooperate in Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.
**Literature and Publications:** Cooperate in a combination drive for renewals and new subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
**Supply Work:** Pack a Christmas box according to askings for the Home Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

### November

**Vice-President:** Quarterly meeting of Committee on Program.
**Treasurer:** Send second quarter's receipts by November 5.
**Promotion:** *In executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by November 30.
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Work with other church women on all phases of World Community Day program.
**Youth Work:** Encourage members of the MYF to participate in the Refugee Resettlement Program sponsored by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.
**Children's Work:** Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.
**Literature and Publications:** Suggest literature for Christmas gifts, especially THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Convene your committee to take stock of issues confronting the 84th Congress.
**Student Work:** Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects[1] and full-time missionary service.
**Youth Work:** Check on MYFund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.
**Children's Work:** Attend Vacation Church School institute.
**Spiritual Life:** Plan with Committee on Program for Day Apart service during Lent.
**Literature and Publications:** Order materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.
**Supply Work:** Present Supply Work needs for Foreign Missions institutions of the Woman's Division and take a cash offering.

### April

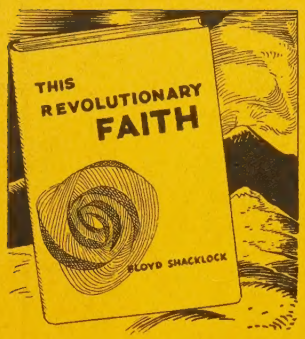
**Vice-President:** Present World Federation of Methodist Women.
**Treasurer:** Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1956-1957 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.
**Promotion:** Final opening of Treasure Chests.

### May

**General:** Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan Officers' Training Day; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle membership.
**President:** Report of year's work.
**Vice-President:** Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.
**Treasurer:** Send fourth quarter's receipts, including *all available funds,* by May 10.
**Promotion:** *In executive committee meeting,* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by May 31. Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion.
**Missionary Education:** Begin the study, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."
**Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:** Cooperate in observance of Family Life Week and May Fellowship Day.
**Student Work:** Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."
**Children's Work:** Cooperate in plans for Family Life Week and Children's Day.
**Literature and Publications:** Order *My Date Book,* Program Books, Worship Booklets, and all necessary material for the year 1956-1957. Secure new subscriptions and renewals.

[1] (Order *Methodist Service Projects,* Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. 10 cents).

# APPROVED STUDIES 1955-1956




*Theme: The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World*

**This Revolutionary Faith.** By Floyd Shacklock. In this analysis of the revolutionary state of the world, the author points out ways in which Christianity has contributed to the rise of revolutionary forces and to meeting the needs of awakening peoples. He indicates how Christians must make new approaches to the problems caused by this revolutionary faith. Available about May 20. $1.25.

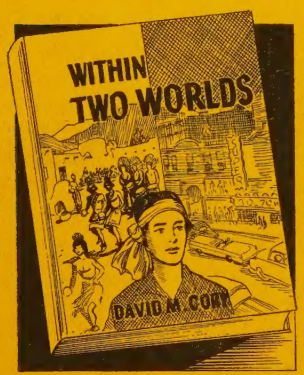
**They Reach for Life.** By John E. Skoglund. The story of individuals from many lands whose lives have been revolutionized by the power of the Christian gospel. $1.25.

**Hope Rises From the Land.** By Ralph A. Felton. A round-the-world visit to missionaries at work in underdeveloped countries where the church, through its missionaries, is bringing a better way of life to people. $1.50.

**Adult Guide on "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."** By William N. Wysham. 50 cents.

*Theme: Indian Americans*

**Within Two Worlds.*** By David M. Cory. This book presents clearly and sympathetically the difficulties Indians face today as a result of the meeting of two cultures and points out how church people can help bridge the two worlds of the Indian by championing his rights and teaching him his responsibilities. $1.25.

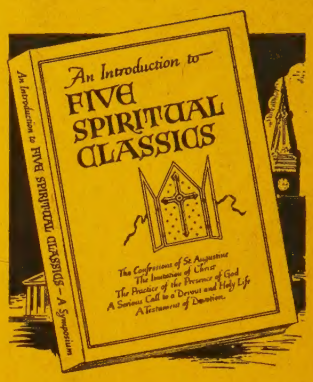



**The Gift Is Rich.** By E. Russell Carter. Out of many years' service among Indian Americans the author brings this deep appreciation of the contribution they make to American culture. $1.25.

**Sagebrush Surgeon.** By Florence Crannell Means. A biography of Dr. Clarence Salsbury, who built in the Navaho country of the Southwest a modern hospital that has won interest and acclaim from church and government. $1.50.

**Adult Guide on "Indian Americans."** By Alice Maloney. 50 cents.

*Theme: An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics*




**An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics.*** A symposium. A sharing in the religious awakenings and insights of saints in the belief that this is imperative if a renaissance of faith and hope is to take the place of the superficial optimism and inner despair prevailing today. 65 cents.

**A Guide—"An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics."*** By Constance Garrett. 35 cents.

*Recommended Editions for Further Study of the Five Spiritual Classics:*

**The Confessions of St. Augustine.** By St. Augustine. 35 cents.

**The Imitation of Christ.** By Thomas à Kempis. 35 cents.

**Brother Lawrence: His Letters and Conversations on the Practice of the Presence of God.** By Brother Lawrence. 10 cents.

**A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life.** By William Law. $1.65.

**A Testament of Devotion.** By Thomas R. Kelly. $1.00.

*Living Selections from the Great Devotional Classics:*

**Selections From Augustine.** Arranged and edited by William R Cannon. 15 cents; 10 for $1.00.

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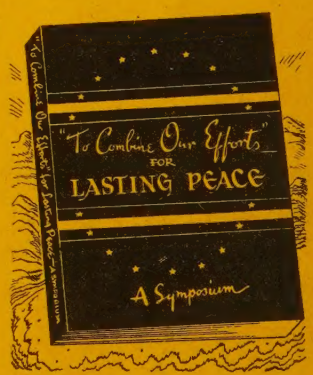


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